ICIC Germany 2025

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Regional update – Oceania Australia

Elizabeth Tydd, Australian Information Commissioner

Regional initiatives

1. Association of Information Access Commissioners (AIAC) collaborates to promote proactive disclosure of government-held information in Australia.
2. Members have updated the Jurisdictional Compendium Report to inform policy and legislative reform and advance the role of Commissioners and Ombudsmen in promoting independence and integrity in government: Jurisdictional Compendium.
3. AIAC members joined members of the United Nations for International Access to Information Day (IAID) on 28 September 2024, with various panel discussions held on the theme of mainstreaming access to information and participating in the public sector.
4. The connection between Information management and AI was highlighted through Information Awareness Week, 17 to 21 March 2025.
5. Open Government Week was held from 19 to 23 May 2025 to raise awareness of open government, organised by the Open Government Partnership.

The AIAC meets twice a year to discuss trends across information access regulatory offices in Oceania.

OAIC Initiatives

1. December 2024 – OAIC completed ‘Organisational Redesign’ project to respond to an organisational strategic review and budget reduction.

2. December 2024 – development of an agency self-assessment tool to assist agencies to understand the effectiveness of their information access system, and compliance with the FOI Act.

3. January 2025 - launch of new statistics dashboard in to improve public access to data on Australia’s FOI system.

4. March 2025 – Australian Information Commissioner published a report to the Attorney General providing recommendations for Australian Government Agencies on the appropriate use of messaging apps.

OAIC International Engagement

1. Information Commissioner Tydd presented at the Malaysian conference on the role of FOI oversight bodies, hosted by the Centre for Independent Journalism and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

2. General Manager, Rocelle Ago, presented at two events hosted by the OECD Innovative, Digital and Open Government Division (INDIGO) Network on FOI knowledge sharing.

Regulatory projects in state jurisdictions

The Information and Privacy Commissioner New South Wales (IPC)

1. 20 May 2025, report on the operation of the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009
2. Proactive release of information, enhancement to the GIPA Tool to support reporting obligations and deliver better proactive release practices

The Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (OVIC)

1. Findings delivered September 2024 on the inquiry into the operation of the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Vic)
2. Review of OVIC's Professional Standards commenced, and new Standards to come into effect in late 2025

Regulatory projects in state jurisdictions

The Office of the Queensland Information Commissioner (OIC)

1. March 2024, reform to the Queensland Cabinet Handbook to require proactive publication of Cabinet documents
2. Reforms to *Right to Information Act 2009* (RTI Act) and *Information Privacy Act 2009* (IP Act) to commence from 1 July 2025

Office of the Information Commissioner
Queensland

The Office of the Information Commissioner Western Australia (OIC)

1. Enactment of the *Information Commissioner Act 2024* (IC Act) and *Privacy and Responsible Sharing Act 2024* (PRIS Act)
2. The IC Act establishes a tripartite structure for the oversight of privacy and information access

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