



Information Awareness Month 2016 IPC Highlights

- On 2 May 2016, the NSW Information Commissioner and NSW Open Data Advocate, Ms Elizabeth Tydd launched Information Awareness Month at the presentation of the National Archives Awards for Digital Excellence 2016. In her presentation, Ms Tydd highlighted the importance of investing in information governance, this year's theme, and the role of sound information governance in advancing open government.
[Download Ms Tydd's presentation \(PDF\)](#)
- The IPC published two articles during IAM. The first was Q&A sessions with the Information Commissioner and the Privacy Commissioner on State Records' [Futureproof](#) blog, raising awareness of information governance and providing thought leadership on the areas for future focus. The second article, "Access all areas" was published in the [NSW Law Society Journal's April edition](#) in which the Information Commissioner discusses the timely release of information.
- The IPC launched two consultations during IAM:
 1. Draft fact sheets, developed to assist decision-makers under GIPA. The consultation closed on 27 May 2016. The fact sheets will be made available to stakeholders in the coming weeks on the [IPC website](#).
 2. An innovative and dedicated community engagement hub '[Your Say IPC](#)' website enabling NSW citizens to have their say on the best ways to participate with NSW government agencies on the formulation of agency policies and the exercise of agency functions.

NSW citizens will need to register to participate in quick polls, a survey or share their positive experiences of participating in government agency decisions. The consultation is open until 31 July 2016 and the IPC seeks your feedback.

- On 3 May, the Information Commissioner led the contribution of state and territory information commissioners at a meeting convened by the Commonwealth Department of Premier and Cabinet, to develop an Australian Government National Action Plan for open government to support the Australian Government's commitment to finalising membership of the [Open Government Partnership](#) (OGP).

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- On 13 May, the Information Commissioner attended the launch of the second [Deloitte Australian Privacy Index 2015 Transparency is opportunity](#). In the opening address the Acting Commonwealth Privacy Commissioner observed that "Privacy is all about transparency" which recognises the relationship between information access and privacy and the balancing of these legal concepts to realise the benefits of sound information governance.
- On 26 May, the IPC met with the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner to discuss issues raised and inform submissions to the Productivity Commission Issue Paper – [Data Availability and Use](#) released in April 2016. The paper seeks submissions regarding its investigation into the benefits and costs of options for increasing availability of public sector data to other public sector agencies (including between the different levels of government) the private sector, academics and the community.