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New brand identity for the Office of the Information Commissioner WA



We're proud to launch a new brand identity for the new Office of the Information Commissioner Western Australia (OIC), established on 1 July 2025 under the *Information Commissioner Act 2024* (WA).

The new brand reinforces our role as the independent regulator, fostering trust and accountability in WA through privacy and freedom of information.

The OIC serves the people of Western Australia in carrying out its FOI and privacy regulatory functions.

The shape of the logo embodies Western Australia. The colour palette, inspired by Western Australia's distinctive landscape, reinforces our deep connection to the region. The gradient of orange and blue represents the intersection of privacy and freedom of information, showing the connection between our functions.

The movement of the gradient also reflects the flow of information between people and government agencies. At the heart of the OIC is a people-focused commitment, with citizens represented by the two dots at the centre of our logo.

As we look to the future, the upward trajectory of our logo embodies growth, progress and forward thinking. The design conveys technology and progression with dynamic graphic elements and a modern, clean design.

Visit our website for more information about the Office of the Information Commissioner brand.

What is the best way to gain access to documents for proceedings in a court or tribunal?

If you are a party to court or tribunal proceedings and need documents for your matter, an FOI application may not be the best way forward. That is because even if documents are relevant to legal proceedings, they may still be exempt from disclosure under the FOI Act.

Instead, you can use the court's or tribunal's own processes to seek access to documents for your legal matter. For example, you can ask the court or tribunal to issue a subpoena.

Read more about the best way to gain access to documents for proceedings in a court or tribunal on our website.

Information Awareness Week (IAW)

Information Awareness Week is 16 to 22 March, where information management professionals discuss, educate and improve how information is captured, stored and accessed.

With the increase in use of new technologies and digital platforms, agencies must determine how to best capture, store and make records available.

We encourage information management and privacy professionals to take time during IAW to reflect on how information management practices can adapt to our changing digital world.

Consulting with the Office of the Information Commissioner, WA

The Office welcomes opportunities to participate in consultation processes and to contribute expertise that supports sound policy development and legislative design.

Consultation with the Office of the Information Commissioner is required where proposals, policies, or changes to legislation may impact the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* (WA) (the FOI Act), and the *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* (WA) (the PRIS Act). This includes any amendments, new initiatives, or reforms that affect information access, privacy, or regulatory oversight under these Acts.

Please email the office at info@oic.wa.gov.au to begin the consultation process.

Recent events



Information Commissioner Annelies Moens answering questions at the Women Unlimited Leadership Summit in Perth.

Women Unlimited

Information Commissioner Annelies Moens presented alongside Kamala Harris and The Hon Julie Bishop and other senior leaders at the Women Unlimited Leadership Summit on 18 and 19 February. The event aims to inspire attendees to explore new ways of thinking about leadership in a world where boundaries are constantly shifting. Annelies introduced the new office and regulatory remit and showcased the new OIC WA brand.

Local Government Alliance Meeting

The Information Commissioner presented to local government professionals on 17 February. Her presentation covered the FOI landscape, new PRIS legislation, regulatory powers, remit of the Office of the Information Commissioner, and how to prepare for 1 July 2026 and beyond. The Local Government Alliance meeting combined the Local Government FOI Group, the Local Government Record Management Group and the PRIS Group.

Business and Technology Advisory Committee Meeting

The Business and Technology Advisory Committee (BATAC) supports the Technology, Innovation and Science Council and the Office of Digital Government in delivering on the Western Australian Government's vision for digital reform. The Information Commissioner joined the advisory committee meeting on 10 February to provide a privacy update. She discussed how agencies can understand where key privacy risks are, and how to build privacy maturity within the public sector.

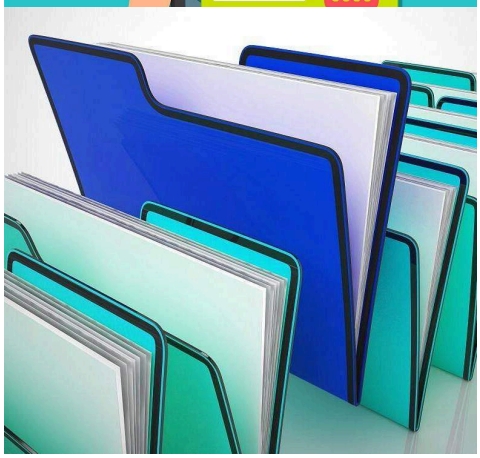
FOI and privacy tip of the month

Turn off mobile advertising IDs

Mobile advertising IDs (MAIDs) allow developers and marketers to track activity for advertising purposes and enhance targeting capabilities. Sometimes these can automatically be enabled on your device, and track your



usage and behaviour. Turn MAIDs off on your mobile device by going into your privacy and security settings. In iOS products this setting can be found under “tracking” and on Android it is under “Ads”.



Assess each case independently

Make sure to approach each case on its own merits. While precedents can be helpful, it’s important to look out for specific circumstances to ensure decisions are made based on the facts in each case. Each FOI request should be decided upon independently to help ensure all applicants are treated fairly and equally.

Upcoming events

Clayton Utz: Preparing for WA's PRIS Act

Information Commissioner Annelies Moens will present at an invite-only event hosted by Clayton Utz on 10 March. She will discuss OIC WA's regulatory remit, distinguishing features of the PRIS Act, the office's key priorities and practical steps regulated entities can take to be ready for the commencement of provisions on 1 July 2026.

HR Partnership Group forum

Privacy Deputy Commissioner Nina Skewes will present at the HR Partnership Group forum on 17 March, hosted for agencies in the public sector. Nina will discuss potential HR implications arising from the PRIS Act and aim to help shape sector wide HR privacy capability. This event is targeted at Chief Human Resource Officers of major departments and attendance is invite only.

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Acknowledgement of Country

The Office of the Information Commissioner acknowledges the traditional custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of the Aboriginal communities and their cultures, and to Elders both past and present.