

## Statement

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### The Information and Privacy Commission NSW supports the public statement from the International Conference of Information Commissioners

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) supports the statement issued by the International Conference of Information Commissioners (ICIC) and acknowledges the vital importance of a global agreement, as access to information is a fundamental right of all citizens.

The members of the ICIC issued a public statement on 22 June 2022, during the 13th Edition of their Annual Conference. The statement addresses access to information as a milestone of the digital age to guarantee human rights, the inclusion of groups in situations of vulnerability and the strengthening of democratic institutions in the 21st century.

NSW Information Commissioner, Elizabeth Tydd, said, “The ICIC statement reflects a contemporary approach to measuring access to information and reinforces the commitment from all members to open government, accountability and transparency.

“I commend the members of the ICIC in the development of the statement and for their ongoing efforts to support access to information and uphold the rights of citizens around the world.”

More information on the ICIC can be found via [their website](#).

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**About the Information and Privacy Commission:**

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) is an independent statutory authority that administers New South Wales’ legislation dealing with privacy and access to government information. The IPC supports the Information Commissioner and the Privacy Commissioner in fulfilling their legislative responsibilities and functions and to ensure individuals and agencies can access consistent information, guidance and coordinated training about information access and privacy matters.

### **About the NSW Information Commissioner**

The NSW Information Commissioner's statutory role includes promoting public awareness and understanding of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act); providing information, advice, assistance and training to agencies and the public; dealing with complaints about agencies; investigating agencies' systems, policies and practices; and reporting on compliance with the GIPA Act.

The *Government Information (Information Commissioner) Act 2009* (GIIC Act) establishes the procedures for appointing the Information Commissioner and sets out the Commissioner's powers and functions. It outlines the method for people to complain about the conduct of agencies when undertaking their duties under the GIPA Act, and the way in which the Information Commissioner may deal with the complaint. The GIIC Act also enables the Information Commissioner to investigate and report on how agencies carry out their functions under the GIPA Act.

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