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IPC launches comprehensive Open Government e-learning course with a virtual event during Right to Know Week NSW 2018

Transparency, trust and supporting open government are the themes for this year's Right to Know Week NSW 24 to 30 September.

During this important awareness raising campaign the IPC NSW is proud to launch its latest e-learning module *Towards Open Government Information (TOGI)* via a virtual event involving more than 10 NSW public sector agencies and up to 100 agency employees.

During Right to Know Week NSW selected officers will sit the 90-minute online course, the first comprehensive guidance to NSW Public Sector employees, bringing together information management responsibilities in one single training package.

Participants will be taken through the basics of what government information is, their role in information management and the application of the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (GIPA Act). The module provides resources and guidance to promote better information management including information access, privacy, state records, digital and cyber security responsibilities. All participants will receive a certificate once all of the sections and assessments have been completed.

The IPC's themes for this year's campaign are:

Transparency and Trust – supporting open government
You have a right to know – we can help you use it

"Right to Know Week NSW plays an important and active role in supporting NSW public sector agencies with their obligations in providing access to government information and data to the NSW community," said Information Commissioner/CEO and NSW Open Data Advocate Elizabeth Tydd.

"Transparency and trust is key to open government and when done well it increases access to information and data, accountability and the promotion of public participation in government agency decision-making. Citizens are shareholders and governments need to act responsibly to create value for their citizens through accountability, transparency and, most importantly, engagement.

"I am delighted that the IPC NSW can now offer public sector agencies this excellent learning resource. I am equally delighted to be leading this year's Right to Know Week NSW campaign in collaboration with our Champions, including NSW public sector agencies, universities and councils," said Ms Tydd.

The Right to Know campaign is celebrated internationally on Right to Know Day 28 September. The IPC has proudly supported and celebrated Right to Know Week NSW since 2014, reaching out to both public sector agencies and public citizens to improve applied knowledge of the GIPA Act, and to raise awareness of a person's right to access government information.

Photo and interview opportunities are available during Right to Know Week NSW, with TOGI virtual event participants from NSW public sector agencies.

For more information about Right to Know Week NSW 2018 visit the IPC website at www.ipc.nsw.gov.au and follow the twitter conversation at #RightToKnowWeekNSW #RTK2018

About the NSW Information Commissioner: The NSW Information Commissioner's statutory role includes promoting public awareness and understanding of the 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.

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