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### Information Commissioner brings Right to Know message direct to NSW citizens at Central Station during Right to Know Week

*You have a right to know – we can help you use it* is the citizen theme for this year's Right to Know Week NSW 24 to 30 September.

**In an IPC first, the Information Commissioner and IPC staff will bring the Right to Know message directly to the NSW community at Central Station Grand Concourse (Country Trains) during Right to Know Week NSW.**

**On Wednesday 26 Sep from 7.30 to 11.30am**, NSW commuters from regional and metropolitan areas are invited to stop by and have a quick chat with the Information Commissioner and IPC staff about their right to know, and how the IPC can help them exercise this right. Free cookies and fruit available!

"Citizens are shareholders and governments need to act responsibly to create value for their citizens through accountability, transparency and most importantly, engagement," said Information Commissioner and NSW Open Data Advocate Elizabeth Tydd.

"Right to Know Week NSW plays an important and active role in supporting NSW public agencies with their obligations in providing access to government information and data to the NSW community.

"Transparency and trust is key to open government and when working well it increases access to information and data, provides accountability and promotes public participation in government agency decision-making.

"I am 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.

**The Information Commissioner will be available for interview and photo opportunities at Central Station Grand Concourse on Wednesday 26 September from 7.30am to 9.30am, or at other times during Right to Know Week by request.**

**For more information about Right to Know Week NSW 2018 visit the IPC website at [www.ipc.nsw.gov.au](http://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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