



## Government Law Group

### Powers and protections for obtaining and using information

A complex array of powers and constraints apply to the Commonwealth in its daily obtaining and use of information. These include statutory information-gathering powers, common law privileges, parliamentary privilege, and the *Harman* obligation. When and how these apply can be easily misunderstood and have serious consequences for investigations, administrative action and litigation, as well as for the individuals undertaking that work. This GLG will guide Commonwealth officers and lawyers through some significant recent developments in these areas.

*Date*

**Thursday 8 November 2018**

*Time*

**4.30 – 5.30 pm**  
followed by refreshments

*Venue*

**AGS Sydney  
Level 42, MLC Centre  
19 Martin Place**

*To register*

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*This free seminar constitutes CPD  
to the value of 1 point.*

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