



The new ACT FOI Act

UPDATE: Legislation to commence 1 January 2018

On 1 January 2018 the *ACT Freedom of Information Act 2016* comes into force. It establishes an entirely new FOI regime for the Territory. In this short course, our FOI experts will take you through key aspects of the new law, including:

- ▶ decision-making and the role and responsibilities of information officers
- ▶ requirements to publish information by making 'open access information' publicly available and via an FOI disclosure log
- ▶ timeframes for handling FOI applications
- ▶ grounds for refusing to process requests
- ▶ circumstances in which access may be refused where 'contrary to the public interest information' is identified
- ▶ review of applications and the role of the ACT Ombudsman.

Participants will leave the session with a strong understanding of the impact of the changes. They will be better equipped to meet the challenges of the new regime.

PRESENTERS:



Justin Hyland

Justin is a leading FOI expert. He is an accredited trainer and regularly delivers FOI training to ACT and Commonwealth Government agencies. Justin advises Commonwealth agencies on FOI issues on a daily basis and has advised and represented ACT agencies in ACT tribunals in FOI matters over the years. Justin is an administrative law expert and a team leader in AGS Dispute Resolution. Prior to joining AGS, Justin worked in private legal practice in Canberra.



Freda Taah

Freda is a member of AGS's specialist information law team and has extensive experience in assisting Commonwealth agencies with handling FOI requests and conducting FOI litigation. Freda has advised on aspects of the new ACT FOI Act and has many years of experience in handling administrative law matters. Freda also regularly presents FOI and other information law training sessions.

TIME 9.30 am – 12 noon (both sessions)

DATES ▶ Wednesday 29 November 2017

OR

▶ Tuesday 12 December 2017

COST \$300 per session

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For further information contact Elizabeth Permalloo on T 02 6253 7464

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