



The Public Trustee

Right to Information/Access to Personal Information Policy

Purpose

To describe the Public Trustee's policy relating to the objects of the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009*

Objects of Legislation

The primary object of the *Right to Information Act 2009* is to give a right of access to information in the government's possession or under the government's control unless, on balance, it is contrary to the public interest to give the access.

The primary object of the *Information Privacy Act 2009* is to provide for-

- (a) the fair collection and handling in the public sector environment of personal information; and
- (b) a right of access to, and amendment of, personal information in the government's possession or under the government's control unless, on balance, it is contrary to the public interest to give the access or allow the information to be amended.

Policy Statement

The Public Trustee will ensure that all requests for documents under the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009* and access to, and amendment of, personal information under the *Information Privacy Act 2009* are handled in accordance with the provisions of those Acts, are processed in a timely and professional manner and in accordance with the statutory time frames where applicable.

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