

# Circular to Councils

Circular Details	Circular No 18-27 / 13 September 2018 / A618338
<b>Previous Circular</b>	00/44 - Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government
Who should read this	General Managers / Relevant council staff
Contact	Information and Privacy Commission / 1800 472 679
Action required	Response to Information and Privacy Commission

## **Review of Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government**

#### What's new or changing

 Councils are invited to provide comment to the Information and Privacy Commission's (IPC's) review of the *Privacy Code of Practice for Local Government* (the Code) by 30 September 2018.

#### What this will mean for your council

- The Code was gazetted on 1 July 2000. The Code has the effect of modifying Part 6 (the public register provisions) of the *Privacy and Personal Information* Protection Act 1998 and the application of the Information Protection Principles as they apply to local government.
- The IPC is reviewing the Code to determine whether it continues to meet the needs of councils. In particular, advice is sought from councils to assess whether:
  - o councils are aware of and apply the Code's provisions
  - o the provisions of the Code are relevant to the needs of councils
  - o the Code requires amendment or should be repealed
  - there are other matters that should be considered for inclusion in a revised Code of Practice for Local Government
  - o any impacts for councils should the existing Code be repealed.
- Councils are requested to provide any comments or submissions to the review to ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au by 30 September 2018.

#### Where to go for further information

- The Code is available to view <u>here</u>.
- Further information on Codes of Practice is available on the IPC website www.ipc.nsw.gov.au
- Contact the Information and Privacy Commission at 1800 472 679.

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