# Submission to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General on the Consultation Paper – Proposed changes to Queensland’s Information Privacy and Right to Information Framework

You may use this template to make a submission to the consultation questions in the *Consultation Paper – Proposed changes to Queensland’s Information Privacy and Right to Information Framework* (Consultation Paper).

## How to make a submission?

You may provide comments or make a submission on the Consultation Paper by:

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Mail to: Privacy and Right to Information Reforms  
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Submissions close at **5pm on Friday 22 July 2022**.

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## Submitter details:

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| **No.** | **Question** | **Response** |
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| 1 | Should the definition of personal information in the *Information Privacy Act 2009* (IP Act) be amended to reflect the definition which is currently in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) (Privacy Act)? |  |
| 2 | Should the proposed Queensland Privacy Principles (QPPs) be adopted in Queensland? |  |
| 3 | If not, in what ways should they be changed? |  |
| 4 | What are the benefits and disadvantages of defining the factors that must be considered in ‘reasonable steps’ for proposed QPP 9 in the IP Act? |  |
| 5 | Could these factors be applied to other relevant parts of the IP Act? |  |
| 6 | Would statutory guidelines produced by Office of the Information Commissioner (OIC) be more flexible and useful? |  |
| 7 | Should the Information Commissioner be given a power to conduct an ‘own motion’ investigation into whether there has been a breach of the privacy principles? |  |
| 8 | Should the Information Commissioner be given a power to make declarations, based on the Commonwealth model, after an own-motion investigation has been conducted? |  |
| 9 | Should the OIC have the power to intervene in tribunal or court proceedings, involving the IP Act? |  |
| 10 | Do you have any other comments about the powers and roles of the OIC, including the current range of support services provided by the OIC? |  |
| 11 | Is the mandatory data breach notification scheme as outlined in this Consultation Paper suitable for adoption in Queensland? |  |
| 12 | If not, in what ways should it be changed? |  |
| 13 | Would the Information Commissioner require any additional powers to monitor and provide oversight to the mandatory DBN scheme? |  |
| 14 | Is a new criminal offence required to prosecute offences for misuse of confidential information, or are existing provisions in the *Criminal Code Act 1899* (Criminal Code) and other legislation adequate? |  |
| 15 | Do you have any other comments about this issue? |  |
|  | Do you have any feedback on the proposed right to information and information privacy reforms outlined in **Part B** of the consultation paper? |  |

Thank you for making your submission.