

ECU LAW ASSEMBLY

The Privacy and Responsible Information-Sharing framework in WA

ECU's School of Business and Law invites you to attend a collaborative dialogue on the forthcoming Privacy and Responsible Information-Sharing regulatory framework in WA.

Recent serious data breaches involving companies subject to Commonwealth data privacy protection (for example Medibank, Optus, and Latitude) have revealed significant deficiencies in the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) regulatory framework, not least the threshold at which individual Western Australians can expect their personal data to be protected in line with international best practice such as that offered in the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The proposed introduction of landmark WA legislation to reform personal privacy protections and create a Privacy Commissioner with enforceable powers is thus very encouraging. That stated, the evening's discussion will be guided by residual questions on the forthcoming WA legislation, such as:

1. How can the WA public be sure that information privacy is being taken sufficiently seriously?
2. How does the State legislation 'dovetail' with the Commonwealth scheme?
3. How do the privacy provisions compare to European data protections? (This is important if WA data is to be transferred to the EU)
4. What powers and duties will the State Privacy Commissioner have?
5. What suite of enforcement tools will be available?

Tuesday, 18 July 2023
5:00 – 8:00pm (AWST)

Frasers Suites Perth
10 Adelaide Terrace
East Perth

Limited seats available,
registrations essential:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CHSDW>



Minister Stephen Dawson
MLC, Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy

Stephen has been a Chief of Staff to a number of Government Ministers in Western Australia and Victoria and worked with the Trade Union movement.

Prior to being elected to represent WA's Mining & Pastoral Region in 2013 he was the WA State Manager for Essential Media Communications. In 2017, Stephen was elected as the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council - a role he continues to hold - and was appointed as the Minister for Environment and Disability Services.

Stephen has also served as the Minister for Electoral Affairs, Minister for Mental Health, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Industrial Relations before being appointed to his current roles as Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and the Digital Economy; Medical Research and Volunteering in December 2021.



Ms Pip Brennan
Former Executive Director, Health Consumer's Council

Pip Brennan has been a consumer advocate on many different committees over her 25 years. Most recently she was Executive Director of the Health Consumers' Council in WA for 7 years. During that time, she was a Panel Member of the Sustainable Health Review, and also on the Supporting Communities Forum as a community advocate. In that role she worked with Department of Premier and Cabinet on the consultation regarding the Privacy Responsible Information Sharing project in preparation for drafting WA's first Privacy Act. Since resigning from her Executive Director role in March 2021 to pursue writing projects, Pip has remained on a number of state and national committees and joined some new ones. She is now the HCC Representative on the WA Pharmacy Board.



Mr Jonas Petersen,
Chief Digital Officer, Office of Digital Government, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Jonas Petersen is the Chief Digital Officer within WA's Office of Digital Government, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. Jonas has an extensive background in digital strategy, transformation, and innovation across government, healthcare, the private sector and start-ups. He started the role in January 2020 after arriving from Denmark - one of the world's leading countries in digital service delivery. Now based in Perth, he oversees the WA's Government's Digital Strategy and administration of the AUD \$900 million Digital Capability Fund, work on privacy and responsible data sharing, efforts to address the digital divide and the State's participation in inter-jurisdictional collaboration.



Dr Phil Glover,
Lecturer in Law Edith Cowan University

Phil served for 18 years in the Royal Ulster Constabulary (Now PSNI) between 1983 and 2001. Relocating to North-east Scotland in 2005, he attended the University of Aberdeen, attaining an LLB(Honours) in 2012. He was invited to study for a PhD and in 2016 attained his doctorate. His PhD thesis was reworked into a book (Protecting National Security: A History of British Communications Investigation Regulation) published in 2022. Phil's research principally centres on the statutory implementation of the previously secret 1946 'Five Eyes' communications intelligence-sharing agreement, in the laws of Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and USA, focusing on what are now the AUKUS nations. Regulation of communications surveillance has direct implications for data acquisition and sharing by government and the private sector.