



Data Protection Day statement

A big year ahead for privacy in New Zealand

The Privacy Foundation of New Zealand marked International Data Protection Day 2019 with a statement noting the privacy challenges and opportunities for the year ahead.

"2018 was a busy year for the Privacy Foundation, including a briefing for the incoming Justice Minister, a major and well-received submission on the proposed new privacy law, several lunchtime forums and a number of media interviews," said Marie Shroff, the Privacy Foundation's Chair. "A particular highlight was the inaugural Sir Bruce Slane lectures held in Auckland and Wellington in conjunction with the Office of the Privacy Commissioner. Justice Winkelmann provided audiences with an impressive in-depth analysis of how the courts have dealt with privacy issues, and the event was a very fitting way to honour Sir Bruce, New Zealand's first privacy commissioner."

Ms Shroff commented that 2019 is shaping up to be an even busier and more challenging year for the Privacy Foundation. "Most obviously, the Select Committee is due to report back on the Privacy Bill, with the report date currently listed as 13 March. We have encouraged the Committee and the Government to include several additional provisions, to ensure adoption of the best possible privacy law for New Zealanders. We will be carefully scrutinising the new version of the Bill, to see if it goes far enough and is workable and effective".

"The Privacy Foundation is also working on some new projects for 2019 which will be announced soon. In the meantime we wish all those working for privacy in New Zealand and overseas a successful Data Protection Day and offer our best wishes for 2019."

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Further resources:

The Foundation's submission to Select Committee: <https://www.privacyfoundation.nz/justice-committee-of-parliament-privacy-bill/>

General information about the Privacy Foundation: <https://www.privacyfoundation.nz/>

The text of Justice Winkelmann's speech: <https://www.courtsofnz.govt.nz/publications/speeches-and-papers> (30 October 2018)