



Privacy Code of Practice (General) 2003

under the

Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998

I, the Attorney General, in pursuance of section 31 of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*, do, by this my Order, make the following Privacy Code of Practice.

Dated, this 30th day of April 2003.

BOB DEBUS, M.P.,

Attorney General

Explanatory note

The object of this Order is to give effect to the *Privacy Code of Practice (General) 2003* made under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

The *Privacy Code of Practice (General) 2003* is intended to modify the information protection principles to permit certain inter-agency transfers of personal information and to modify the application of Part 6 of the Act in relation to certain public registers.

This Order is made under section 31 of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

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Part 1 Preliminary

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1 Name of Code

This Code is the *Privacy Code of Practice (General) 2003*.

2 Operation of Code

This Code modifies the application of the information protection principles and public register provisions of the Act.

3 Limitations

Nothing in this Code:

- (a) authorises an agency to deal with personal information in a way that is contrary to any other Act or law other than the provisions of the Act modified by this Code, or
- (b) affects a disclosure that is otherwise permitted by law (including, but not limited to, a disclosure made pursuant to the *State Records Act 1998* or the *Freedom of Information Act 1989*), or
- (c) prevents an agency from disclosing personal information with the consent of the individual to whom the information relates.

4 Definitions

In this Code:

agency means a public sector agency.

information protection principles means the principles set out in Division 1 of Part 2 of the Act.

public register provisions means the provisions of Part 6 of the Act.

the Act means the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998*.

Part 2 Inter-agency transfers of personal information

5 Application of Part

This Part applies to the exchange of personal information between the agencies specified in Schedule 1.

6 Permitted transfers of personal information

The information protection principles are modified to the extent necessary to permit the transfer between the agencies, of the personal information, and for the purposes, described in Schedule 1.

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Part 3 Public registers

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7 Application of Part

This Part applies to the disclosure of personal information contained in public registers.

8 Modification of Part 6 of the Act

- (1) Part 6 of the Act is modified to the extent necessary to permit a disclosure referred to in subclause (2).
- (2) An agency specified in Column 2 of Schedule 2 that is responsible for keeping a public register (or that part of a register) described in Column 1 may, subject to any conditions set out in Column 1, disclose personal information kept in the register (or part of the register) without being satisfied that the information is to be used for a purpose relating to the purpose of the register or the Act under which the register is kept.

Schedule 1 Permitted transfers of personal information

(Clause 6)

1 Verification of vehicle ownership details by Sheriff

(1) Agencies exchanging personal information

Roads and Traffic Authority,
Attorney General's Department.

(2) Type of personal information

Vehicle registered operator details.

(3) Purpose for which information is exchanged

To permit the Sheriff to verify vehicle registered operator details in connection with the proposed or actual seizure of a vehicle.

2 Environmental offences involving vehicles

(1) Agencies exchanging personal information

Roads and Traffic Authority,
Environment Protection Authority.

(2) Type of personal information

Vehicle registered operator details.

(3) Purpose for which information is exchanged

To permit the Environment Protection Authority to contact the operator of a vehicle when it has received a report about an environmental offence concerning the vehicle.

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Schedule 2 Modification of Part 6 of the Act

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(Clause 8)

Column 1	Column 2
Public register	Agency responsible for keeping the register
1 The record maintained under section 58 of the <i>Contaminated Land Management Act 1997</i> , however, this exception does not extend to the name of an individual who is the occupier, owner or polluter of a contaminated site or the address of such an individual if the individual does not reside at a contaminated site.	Environment Protection Authority
2 The registers listed in regulation 15.1 of the <i>Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) Regulations 1997</i> of the Commonwealth that apply in New South Wales as the <i>Road Transport Reform (Dangerous Goods) (New South Wales) Regulations</i> under the <i>Road and Rail Transport (Dangerous Goods) Act 1997</i> , however, this exception does not extend to information relating to the medical condition or the driving history of an individual.	Environment Protection Authority
3 The Credit Register for the tradeable emission scheme known as the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme, made publicly available by the EPA through the Internet, comprising the name and contact details of a member of the Scheme or an employee or agent of that member and the member's business facilities, credit holdings and trading history.	Environment Protection Authority
4 The information made publicly available by the EPA through the Internet concerning the Waste Reduction Grants Program paid from the Waste Fund set up under section 19 of the <i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001</i> comprising the name and contact details of the person awarded the grant, or an employee or agent of that person, the amount of the grant, the grant number and the details of the project for which the grant was given.	Environment Protection Authority

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Schedule 2 Modification of Part 6 of the Act

Column 1	Column 2
Public register	Agency responsible for keeping the register
5 The information made publicly available by the EPA through the Internet concerning grants made under the Stormwater Trust Grants Scheme administered by the EPA comprising the name and contact details of the person offered the grant, or an employee or agent of that person, the amount of the grant, the grant number and the details of the project for which the grant was offered.	Environment Protection Authority
6 The public register kept under Part 9.5 of the <i>Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997</i> .	Environment Protection Authority

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