
Terms of Reference

Review of privacy values, technology change, and international trends, and their implications for New Zealand law

This project will proceed in stages, with reports made at each stage.

- 1 In stage 1 of the project, the Law Commission will undertake a high level policy overview to assess privacy values, changes in technology, international trends, and their implications for New Zealand civil, criminal and statute law. The Law Commission will conduct a survey of these trends in conjunction with the Australian Law Reform Commission. A report on this overview will be published.
- 2 In stage 2 of the project, the Law Commission will consider whether the law relating to public registers requires systematic alteration as a result of privacy considerations and emerging technology.
- 3 In stage 3 of the project, the Commission will consider and report on:
 - (a) The adequacy of New Zealand's civil law remedies for invasions of privacy, including tortious and equitable remedies; and
 - (b) The adequacy of New Zealand's criminal law to deal with invasions of privacy.
- 4 In stage 4 of the project, the Commission will review the Privacy Act 1993 with a view to updating it, taking into account any changes in the legislation that have been made by the time this stage of the project is reached.