

Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (RTIPPA) Review Report

Practical Implications for Municipalities

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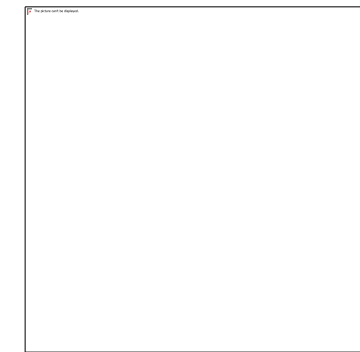


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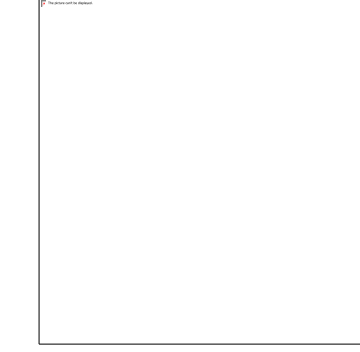
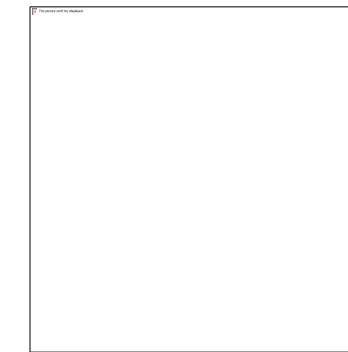
- **FTB led review:** July 2025 – June 2026
- **Public Consultation:** 220 survey responses and 54 written/oral submissions
- **Final report:** 48 recommendations



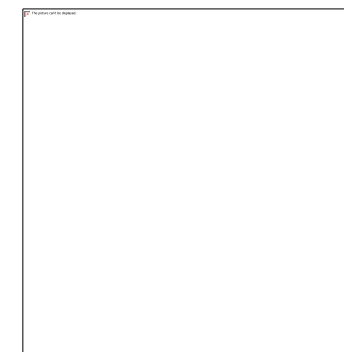
Key findings



Significant opportunities exist to reform the law in ways that improve transparency



Resource and training gaps in the RTI system limit the law's effectiveness



Updated privacy rules are needed to address emerging technologies, improve risk management and support responsible information sharing

RTI law reform: Select recommendations

- **Duty to document:**

Consider a requirement in law that public bodies develop and implement reasonable measures to create, manage, and preserve records in accordance with established information management requirements.

- **Duplicate records and disregarding requests**

Consider allowing public bodies to disregard requests, with approval of the Ombud, where a request is overly broad or not in good faith. Amend the Act to allow public bodies to remove exact duplicate records when processing requests.

Privacy law reform: Select recommendations

- **AI and automated decision systems:**

Amend RTIPPA to address AI and include definitions such as automated decision systems, artificial intelligence, and generative AI.

Consider requiring public bodies to provide notice to individuals at the time personal information is collected if they intend to use it in an automated decision system that will make decisions that directly affect individuals.

Improving RTI Operations: Select recommendations

- **Local government support:**

*Consider mechanisms to provide better RTIPPA support to local governments:
Explore a shared services model or appoint a dedicated central RTIPPA municipal analyst.*

- **Training and guidance:**

*Develop a comprehensive RTIPPA policy and procedures manual to accompany RTIPPA.
Develop a RTIPPA training program for public bodies to help them meet their obligations under the Act.*

Next steps

- The plan is to table legislation next spring.
- Time required for implementation will be a consideration in terms of when any proposed changes come into force.
- Recommendations for non-legislative change (e.g., RTI operations improvements that don't require law reform) are also being considered, although they may not follow same timetable as law amendments.

Thank you!