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# Privacy NSW Newsletter

PRIVACY NSW

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## AGENCIES ARE REMINDED TO UPDATE PRIVACY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Privacy NSW is advising New South Wales Public Sector Agencies to update their Privacy Management Plans (PMPs) to incorporate the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (NSW) (the HRIP Act), if agencies have not already done so. Privacy NSW has prepared a new publication 'A Guide to Making Privacy Management Plans' to assist agencies in the preparation/amendment of their plans to incorporate the HRIP Act. This is now available on our website under the 'Publication and Links' tab.

When agencies are reviewing their PMPs they should bear in mind, if the agency is already operating under a s41 direction of the PPIP Act or s62 direction under the HRIP Act, to also consider the implications of a Privacy Code of Practice and the impact on the PMP. For further information and a full list of public interest directions and codes of practice visit our website.

A good tip to remember is whenever you amend your PMP, you should always forward a copy to Privacy NSW as soon as practicable. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) (The PPIP Act) Division 2 section 33 Preparation of privacy management plans.

Here are the names of some privacy consultants who may be able to assist you in the preparation of your PMP

- Privacy Pacific Consulting: <http://www.pacificprivacy.com.au/>
- Salinger Privacy: <http://www.salingerprivacy.com.au/>
- Youngman Consultancy: <http://www.youngmanconsultancy.com.au>

Once you have submitted your plan to Privacy NSW for compliance/feedback, and have received that feedback, it may be an idea to place the document on your website, or have hard copies available for the public.

### Special points of interest:

- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998
- Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002
- "A Guide to Making Privacy Management Plans"
- Case notes now available on our website

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Privacy NSW is unable to provide legal advice to agencies on the preparation of the PMPs as it may conflict with our complaint handling functions.

## Privacy NSW

Over the past twelve months we have been conducting a random review of PMPs and located a number of plans that have not been updated since the introduction of the PPIP Act in 1998. That has brought us to review our 'A Guide to Privacy Management Plans', which we hope is of assistance to agencies, in the preparation or amendment of Privacy Management Plans.