

Press Release

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Information Commissioner John McMillan Keynote speaker at Meta2011

Professor John McMillan, the Australian Information Commissioner, has been confirmed as one of the keynote speakers at Meta2011.

The Australian Government is implementing an open government reform agenda to encourage a pro-disclosure culture within the Australian Public Service, and to ensure that government information is treated as a national resource.

In his session titled "*The Open Government Reform Agenda*"; Professor McMillan will examine the opportunities and challenges facing agencies as they move into this new era of open government.

In particular, Professor McMillan will provide an overview of how agencies are preparing for two significant features of the open government reforms that commence on 1 May 2011: the Information Publication Scheme (IPS) and Disclosure Logs.

Disclosure logs published by Australian Government agencies and ministers will provide a register of information released in response to access requests under the *Freedom of Information Act* (FOI Act), while the IPS requires a broad range of information to be published on agency websites. Professor McMillan will explain how these initiatives will work in tandem to achieve open government and succeed in transforming the freedom of information framework from one that is reactive to individual requests for documents, to one that requires agencies to take a proactive approach to publishing information.

About the presentation

Session stream	Information Management - the "market" today and where it is going
Session title	The Open Government Reform Agenda Session
Date and time	Wednesday 25 th May 2011 – 10.00 am
Duration	30 minutes
Venue	ANU University House, Canberra

**Prof John McMillan AO**

- Appointed Australian Information Commissioner in November 2010
- Formerly the Commonwealth Ombudsman from 2003–2010; and the Integrity Commissioner (Acting) for the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity in 2007
- Emeritus Professor of the Australian National University
- Co-author of a leading student text, *Control of Government Action*