

The time for information rights reform is here!

And we need your help!

Exciting news! The BC Ministry of Citizens' Services has launched a public consultation on freedom of information and privacy rights in BC, and **we need your help!** Here's your chance to

voice your thoughts, concerns or ideas for change. Help us put an end to record destruction, failure to create records, FOI loopholes, and other opaque government practices!

Over the past few months, we ramped up pressure on the new government with [our Ipsos poll](#) and [a joint letter](#) sent to Premier John Horgan pushing for information rights reform.

But we still need your support

What are the issues?

FIPA will continue to push for:

- A legislated duty to document,
- Penalties for interfering with information access rights, and
- Bringing education subsidiaries under *FIPPA*.

There are more aspects of the *Act* that we would like to see changed, which can be found in our [2015 Submission to the Special Committee to Review FIPPA](#).

Why should I care?

FIPPA was meant to help create a culture of openness and transparency within the government. Today, however, we frequently see public bodies either failing to create records, or destroying them in order to avoid the possibility of release to FOI requesters. We are getting more calls and hearing more stories from concerned citizens who are not able to get the information they are looking for. This lack of transparency fosters a culture of secrecy with no accountability.



How can I participate?

You can participate in two ways: online discussions, or make a written submission.

You can access the [online discussions here](#).

For a written submission, the process differs depending on whether you're writing as an private citizen or as an organizational and expert body. [More information can be found here](#).

Feedback deadline is April 9, 2018 at 4PM

What if I have more questions?

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can reach us at 604-739-9788 or by email at fipa@fipa.bc.ca.