

Privacy Foundation Questionnaire – deadline Monday 7 August

Your general approach to protecting the personal information and privacy of consumers and citizens of NZ?

New Zealand First's general approach is to provide for a regime which affords complete privacy of personal information, except where there are good public policy reasons for such information to be provided to a government agency for the lawful purposes of that agency, and subject to conditions to prevent the mis-use of that information or the unauthorised sharing or disclosure of it.

Your policies on government re-use and sharing of peoples private information, and whether you expect to continue the social investment approach.

Yes, but only where there are good public policy reasons for such information to be provided to a government agency for the lawful purposes of that agency, and subject to conditions to prevent the mis-use of that information or the unauthorised sharing or disclosure of it.

Will you require NGOs to share clients personal data with government, in particular, requiring social service providers to collect individual client data (ICLD) as has been proposed by the current Minister of Social Investment? If so, what data protection and use policies would you put in place to safeguard the privacy of those involved?

No

What are your intentions on passing the proposed amendments to the Privacy Act? Will you support the passage of amendments to require mandatory notification to consumers when the privacy of their information has been breached? Will you support additional powers for the Privacy Commissioner to require a defaulting agency to improve its privacy protections?

New Zealand First's intentions concerning mandatory notification to consumers when privacy breached is to review those provisions and to repeal them as far as necessary; and support the suggested additional powers for the Privacy Commissioner.

What measures will you take to improve the protection of peoples information when they are online?

New Zealand First are willing to consider improving the protection of peoples information when they are online.

What is your approach to oversight over and to regulating surveillance of New Zealand individuals and groups by government agencies such as SIS or GCSB?

New Zealand First has no intention to change the existing legislation.

Please let us know of other policies or proposals you have on privacy and personal information issues (e.g. other jurisdictions are considering issues such as: regulating how internet service providers use or sell client information; providing juveniles with a "right to be forgotten" and whether to regulate retention of meta-data)

New Zealand First has no other intentions but always willing to consider ways to improve individual privacy rights.