

1) New Zealand is falling behind key trading partners when it comes to our privacy regulation. Do you support updating our Privacy Act 2020 to provide modern, efficient and effective regulation, and, if so, what would be your key priorities for reform?

ACT has no official position on the Privacy Act 2020.

2) If in power, what would be your party's approach with the exposure draft of the Customer and Product Data Bill, and how would you ensure people have access to their data and can require banks, energy or telecommunication providers to share customer data with their competitors, without sacrificing privacy?

The CDR is intended to create a right for consumers to require data holders to share that information with third party services. There is a tension in rights between the customer whose data it is, and placing obligations on the data-holder (who is being forced to provide a service). It also envisages a new regulatory system, which will need to ensure that the benefits outweigh the inevitable costs of more regulation. ACT has no position on that yet.

3) If in power, what would be your party's approach towards the Government's refreshed Cloud First Policy announced in April 2023? Are there additional steps you would take to ensure that New Zealand Data Sovereignty and Māori Data Sovereignty are respected? How would you prevent over-dependence on overseas-based technology service providers and ensure their accountability? What safeguards do you consider necessary to protect the public sector data hosted in the cloud against exploitation for secondary uses?

ACT has no position on these questions, except to note that the extension of government powers to police individual privacy needs to be looked at cautiously.