

OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP

NEW ZEALAND

Commitment 3 - Improving open data access and principles

Date: March – May 2017

Lead agency: Stats NZ (previously LINZ)

To review and strengthen the principles under which New Zealand releases open data and information.

Both Commitment 3 and 4 have had delays in delivery, with the Open Government Data Programme [moving to Stats NZ from LINZ](#) in March 2017.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

- In September 2016, consultation was carried out with public and government stakeholders on ways to accelerate the release of open government data. Feedback suggested that some of the core issues identified could be addressed by adoption of principles such as those included in the International Open Data Charter. We are currently developing the scope of further consultation.
- Stats NZ sought feedback from 12 agencies on the principles to guide release of, and access to, open data and information and is currently preparing recommendations for next steps.

LINKS

- [Engagement Summary – Open Data Charter](#)
- [Published Submissions on ‘Should the New Zealand Government adopts the International Open Data Charter’?](#)

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Further development of public consultation in June 2017.
- Consideration of the principles required to guide release of, and access to, New Zealand open data.
- There are likely to be opportunities to align this work with Australia’s open government data work following the 19 February release of a [joint statement](#) (PDF, 108KB) from the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand in which they agreed to:

“...collaborate on public data initiatives to better align agendas, share lessons learnt on best practice, and work together on data commitments as part of the Open Government Partnership.”