



Information Principles 2014

I, Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services, make the following principles.

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1 Name of principles

These principles are the *Information Principles 2014*.

2 Commencement

These principles commence on 1 July 2014.

3 Authority

These principles are made under section 96-1 of the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

4 Definitions

In these principles:

Act means the *Aged Care Act 1997*.

Quality Agency means the Australian Aged Care Quality Agency established by the *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Act 2013*.

relevant State or Territory authority means an authority of a State or Territory (including a local authority) that has functions under a law of the State or Territory (including local by-laws) relating to fire safety.

5 Purpose of these principles

For paragraph 86-3(j) of the Act, these principles specify:

- (a) kinds of persons to whom the Secretary may disclose protected information; and
- (b) the purposes for which the information may be disclosed.

Note: *Protected information* has the meaning given by section 86-1 of the Act.

6 Disclosure of protected information

The Secretary may disclose protected information:

- (a) to the Repatriation Commission and the Secretary of the Department administered by the Minister administering the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986*, for the purpose of working out whether any amount is payable to a person as rent assistance under that Act; or
- (b) to the CEO of the Quality Agency, to assist the CEO to perform the functions mentioned in section 12 of the *Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Act 2013*; or
- (c) if the information relates to fire safety—to the chief executive officer (however described) of a relevant State or Territory authority, to assist the authority to perform its functions; or
- (d) to the Aged Care Commissioner, to assist the Aged Care Commissioner to perform his or her functions; or
- (e) to the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner, to assist the Aged Care Pricing Commissioner to perform his or her functions; or

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- (f) to the Director of the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, to assist the body to perform its functions under the *Australian Institute of Health and Welfare Act 1987*, subject to the confidentiality and other information protection provisions in that Act (including but not limited to section 29).

Note: A person to whom protected information is disclosed under this section must not make a record of, disclose or otherwise use the information except for the purpose for which the information was disclosed (see section 86-5 of the Act).