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Title of session	Open government, right to information and recordkeeping: interdependencies and interconnections
Preferred presentation type	Oral
Theme Sustainability, Trust or Identity	Trust
Session format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic
Proposed session details	Panel session, duration 60 minutes. Comprised of 15 minutes per speaker, with 15 minutes at the end of the session for commentary and audience questions.
Author details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Janet Prowse, Executive Director & State Archivist, Queensland State Archives. • Ms Julie Kinross, Queensland Information Commissioner. • Ms Ann Steward, Chief Information Officer of the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO), Department of Finance and Deregulation. • Chair: Ms Miriam Nisbet, Director, Office of Government Information Services, United States Government.
Biography	<p>Ms Janet Prowse, Executive Director & State Archivist, Queensland State Archives. As Queensland's State Archivist, Janet Prowse is responsible for administering the legislative and policy framework for the management of public records in all formats for more than 640 Queensland public authorities. She also oversees Queensland State Archives' Runcorn operations and the provision of public access to the state's archival collection. More than 500,000 people utilise QSA's services online and onsite each year.</p> <p>Since January 2010 Janet has been the Chair of the Australasian Council of Archives and Records Authorities (CAARA), which represents the interests of the 10 government archival authorities in Australia and New Zealand. Janet is also a member of CAARA's Australasian Digital Recordkeeping Initiative which seeks to develop common standards to assist in the long-term management and preservation of the government's information assets in digital formats.</p> <p>Ms Julie Kinross, Queensland Information Commissioner Julie Kinross was appointed as Information Commissioner on 30 July 2009. The Information Commissioner is an officer of the Queensland Parliament, appointed by the Governor in Council under the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> (RTI Act). The Information Commissioner in the performance of the statutory functions is independent of executive government.</p> <p>Julie is actively facilitating the Right to Information and Information Privacy reforms in Queensland with responsibility for establishing the new functions of</p>

	<p>the Office of the Information Commissioner, and working in collaboration with other lead agencies to assist agencies affected by the reforms make a successful transition.</p> <p>Ms Ann Steward, Chief Information Officer of the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO), Department of Finance and Deregulation.</p> <p>As Australian Government Chief Information Officer (AGCIO) and Deputy Secretary of the Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO), Ann plays a vital and influential role in bringing about significant policy changes and practical improvements to the Australian Government's use of ICT. Her office, AGIMO, sits within the Department of Finance and Deregulation and works across government to maintain Australia's position as a leader in the productive application of information and communications technologies. AGIMO continues to lead the implementation of the ICT Reform Program, which was initiated by the Australian Government in November 2008 in response to the Review of the Australian Government's Use of Information and Communication Technology.</p>
Abstract	<p>In 2009 the Queensland Government committed to sweeping information reforms to make Queensland the most open and accountable government in Australia. These reforms recognised that supporting and maintaining the link between good information and records management practices and ongoing open access to government information is critical. Community expectations about improved access to government records and information also have implications for how government manages public sector information (PSI). In the midst of cultural change that is continuing to open up access to PSI across the world, what are the opportunities and challenges for archival organisations and other information management champions?</p> <p>The panel members represent organisations that are at the forefront of supporting the move towards open government. This session will explore the challenges and opportunities of open government and its intersection with records and information management, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • value of public sector information and increasing accessibility • implications of national and state privacy principles • transition to digital information • digital continuity of records and information.