# A (brief) history of Open Government in NZ

Collaboration

**Participation** 

Transparency



### Not a new notion

- 1100: Charter of Liberties
- 1215: Magna Carta
- (NZ) 1981: Danks Committee report: Led to Official Information Act 1982

TOWARDS OPEN
GOVERNMENT

COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL INFORMATION



### Open Government

"G" = political





### 2011 Manifestos



No mention



• Transparency + Participation



Transparency



# MPs on Web, Social Media

	Total MPs	Web	Twitter	Facebook
ACT	1	1	1	1
Greens	14	2	13	14
Labour	34	13	23	32
Mana	1	1	1	1
Māori	3	2	1	1
National	59	51	28	49
NZ First	8	2	3	5
U Future	1	1	1	1
Total	121	73 60%	71 59%	104 86%



## Independent Websites



#### Find out what your elected representatives are doing in Aotearoa New Zealand's Parliament.

You can view parliamentary debates grouped by their relationship to bills, ministerial portfolios, MPs or organisations.

You can also compare party voting in the 49th Parliament.



Started by Rob McKinnon in Nov 2006. Volunteer run. Not active now.

# **Political Blogs**





#### **No Right Turn**



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**Bloglines** 

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# **Community Platforms**





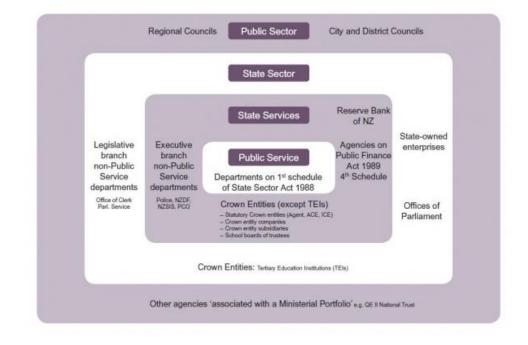
### Wisdom of the Crowds





### Open government

Local government not included in this brief history





# Early Leader in e-participation

 May 2000: E-government vision "It will be easier for people to have their say in government."

 September 2007: wiki to allow people to suggest wording for new Police Act

Guide to Online Participation, community



### Open Data a bright spot

August 2009





Barcamp and Hackfest

#### The Open Government Ninjas

Online Group for the black-clad deadly warriors of the web who are working on Open Government projects

### Open Data Catalogue Open Data, Open Government

New Zealand Government Open Access and Licensing (NZGOAL) framework

#### February 2009

From <a href="http://www.ssc.govt.nz/blog/perspectives-open-data-workshop-re-use-government-held-non-personal-data">http://www.ssc.govt.nz/blog/perspectives-open-data-workshop-re-use-government-held-non-personal-data</a>





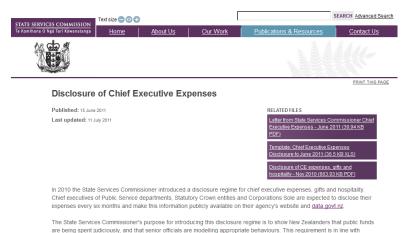
# Open Data Remains A Focus

- One of the 5 Directions and Priorities for Government ICT adopted in October 2010
- At the heart of the Declaration on Open and Transparent Government in August 2011, developed in an open, collaborative way:

"Building on New Zealand's democratic tradition, the government commits to actively releasing high value public data."



# Transparency: CE's expenses



Source: http://www.ssc.govt.nz/ce-expenses-disclosure

international practice, and locally, Ministers, MPs and Mayors are all subject to disclosure provisions.

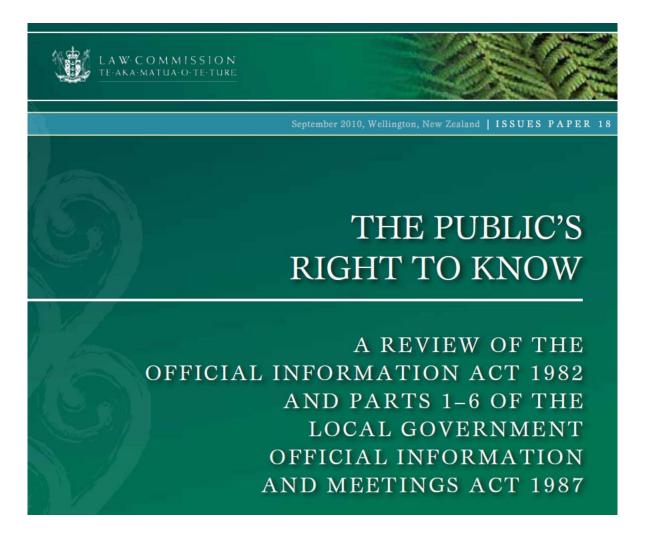
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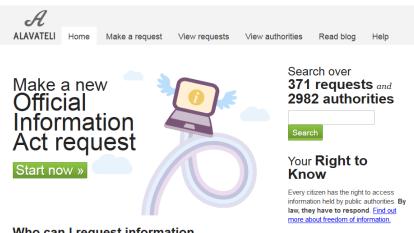


### Law Commission Review





### **External Efforts**



Who can I request information from?

FYI covers requests to 2982 authorities, including:

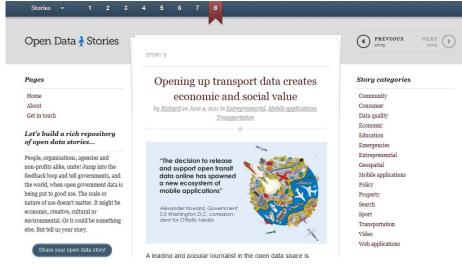
What information has been released?

FYI users have made 371 requests, including:

Source: http://fyi.org.nz/

Open Data - Stories Story categories Pages Opening up transport data creates Home economic and social value Community About by Richard on June 4, 2011 in Entrepreneurial, Mobile applications, Get in touch Data quality Transportation Economic Let's build a rich repository Education of open data stories... Emergencies Entrepreneurial People, organisations, agencies and "The decision to release non-profits alike, unite! Jump into the Geospatial and support open transit feedback loop and tell governments, and data online has spawned Mobile applications a new ecosystem of the world, when open government data is Policy mobile applications" being put to good use. The scale or Property nature of use doesn't matter. It might be Search Alexander Howard, Government 2.0 Washington D.C. correspon-dent for O'Reilly Media economic, creative, cultural or Sport environmental. Or it could be something Transportation else. But tell us your story. Video Web applications

Source: http://opendatastories.org/





#### Citizen Pressure



Source: <a href="http://accforum.org/forums/">http://accforum.org/forums/</a>



Source: http://www.facebook.com/events/172083019584218/



Source: http://www.gopetition.com/petition/35443.html

#### Man charged following internet video threats

September 20, 2011, 5:23 pm

Source: <a href="http://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/29445.html">http://www.police.govt.nz/news/release/29445.html</a>



# Final Thought

#### **Gartner's Magic Quadrant**

Ability to Execute

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Challengers

Leaders

Visionaries

Completeness of Vision



Where is NZ?

# Over to the panel ...





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