



What has New Zealand's membership of the Open Government Partnership achieved?

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What I will cover

1. What the Open Government Partnership (OGP) is
2. What OGP membership means
3. What NZ government has done
4. Has OGP membership led to more open government in NZ?

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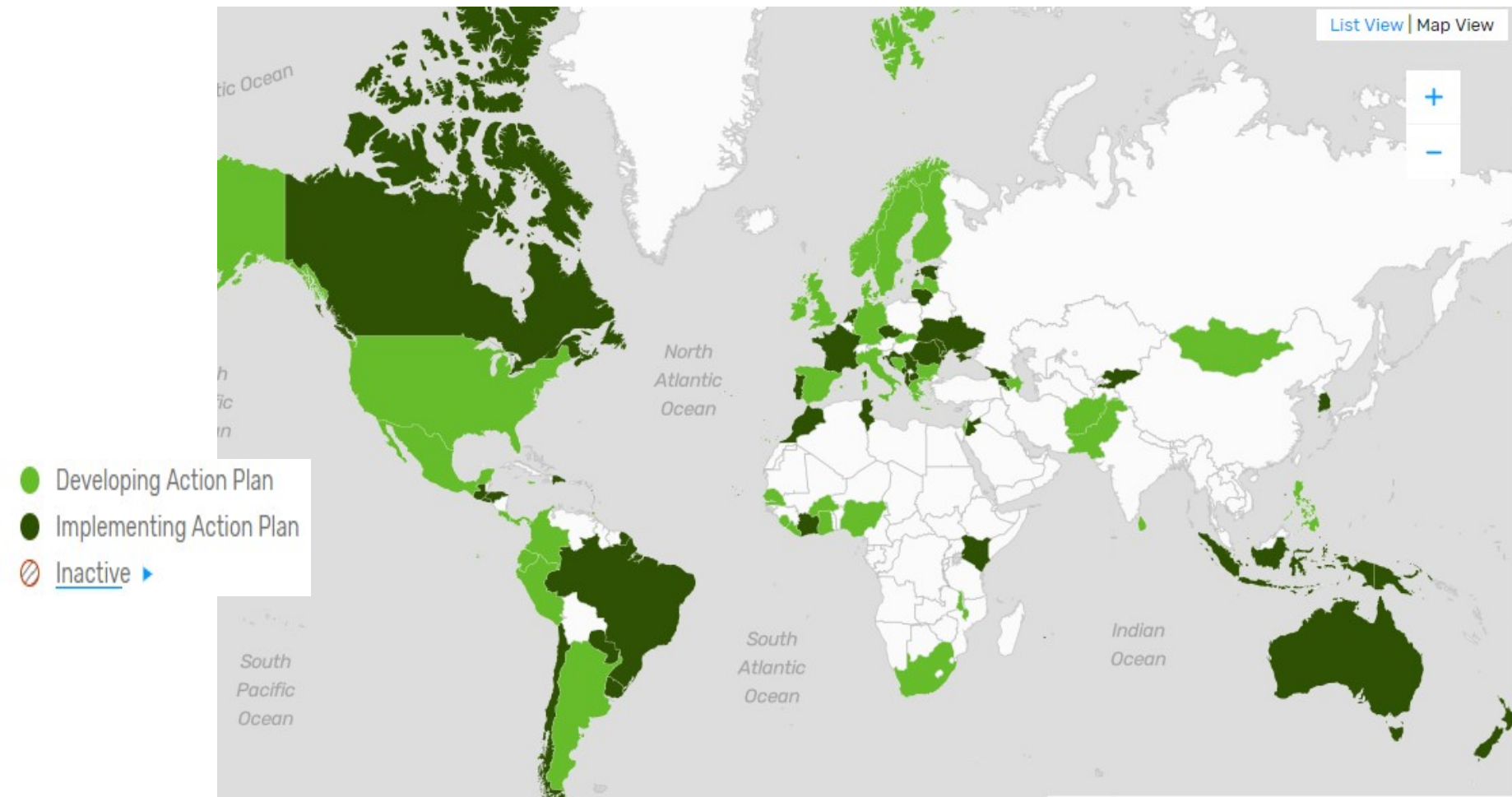


- Established in 2011 on the 'fringes' of the United Nations
- Role to provide an international platform to promote transparency, empower citizens, fight corruption and harness new technologies
- Aim to advance the ideals of open and participatory 21st century government

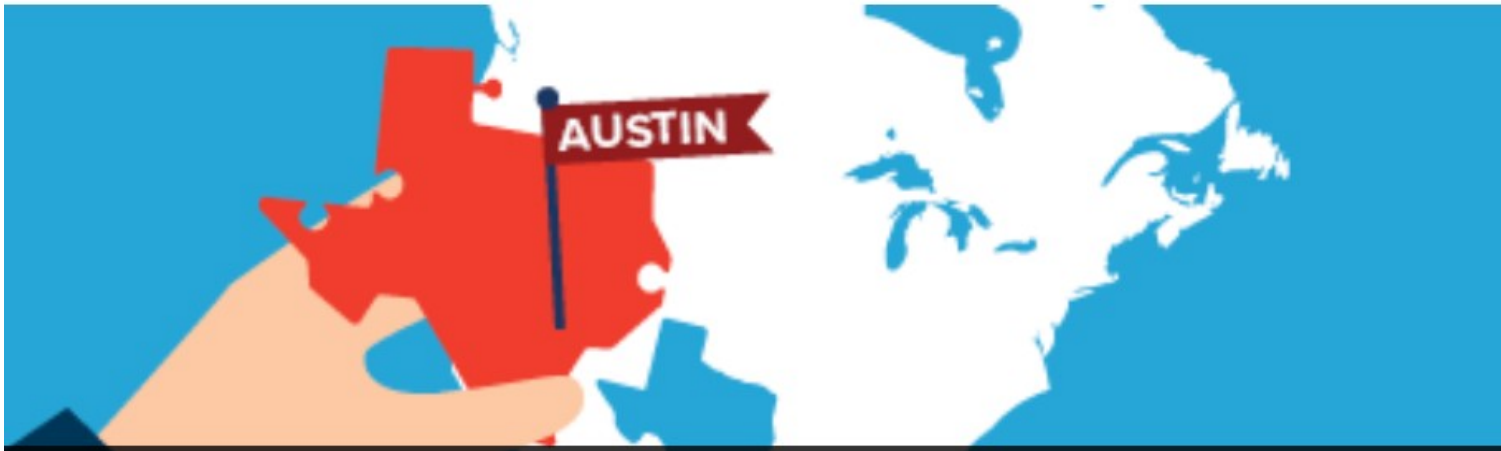
The Open Government Partnership (OGP) is operating in politically challenging times for a community dedicated to advancing openness and democracy. Over the past two years, all of us at OGP have observed the rise of authoritarianism, populist rhetoric, misinformation, and attacks on civic space in OGP and non-OGP countries alike. Yet the advances we have made at the global, country, and thematic levels are a sign that there is still a critical mass of countries committed to open government. OGP welcomed eight new governments in 2018, bringing us to 99 national and local governments.

OGP's 2018 Annual Report

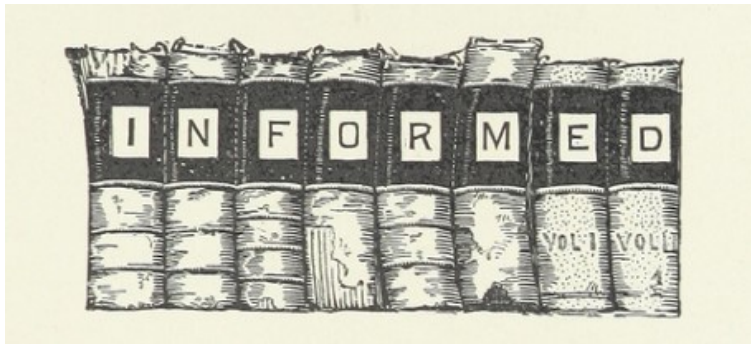
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NZ has a high international openness rating

- ✓ Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index: 2nd
- ✓ 2018 Democracy Index: 4th out of 167 countries
- ✓ Freedom in the World: 100% for freedom, political rights and civil liberties
- ✓ World Bank's Worldwide Governance Indicators: almost at 100%
- ✓ Open Budget Index: 1st equal with South Africa

But NZ could do better

- Global Right to Information Rating: NZ rated 51st out of 123 countries
- 2018 Democracy Index: political participation: 8.89; political culture 8.13
- Transparency International NZ: Parliament still needs to consider its own processes and practices
- 2018 Open Budget Index: NZ's participation rated at 59%
- 2018 World Press Freedom Index: media pluralism and independence in NZ under constant threat with consequential transparency risks
- 2017 general election: people aged under 40 were nearly half of those enrolled who did not vote

NZ's OGP actions in 2014-2016

Commitment Description	Did It Open Government?				
	Worse	No	Marginal	Major	Outstanding
Better Public Services		X			
ICT Strategy & Action Plan			X		
Response to Transparency International Report			X		
Review of Progress of Kia Titahi Accord			X		

IRM New Zealand End-of-term report 2014-2016

"The New Zealand government made some improvements to access to information and civic participation. The government released new datasets and consulted CSOs on public engagement practices. However, the government's process falls short of OGP's co-creation guidelines, the commitments lacked clear activities for implementation, and the gains were marginal. With the next action plan, the government could focus on creating opportunities for stakeholders to be involved in implementing commitments."

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Open budget			X		
Improving official information practices			X		
Improving open data access and practices			X		
Tracking progress & outcomes of open govt data release			X		
Ongoing OGP engagement			X		
Improving access to legislation			X		
Improving policy practices		X			

NZ's OGP actions in 2016-2018



✓ Potential long-term transformational impact

IRM New Zealand End-of-term report 2016-2018

“Although this report reflects high commitment completion, change in government practice stood as marginal overall. Notably, the government’s early efforts to improve access to legislation could provide major efficiencies for lawyers and the public. In future action plans, the government could fully reform the Official Information Act and

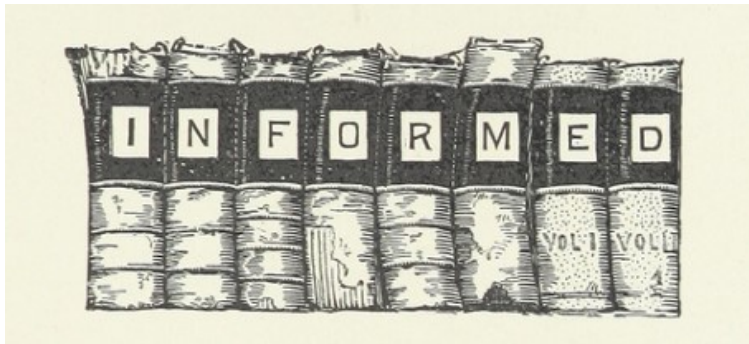
IRM's recommendations to NZ government



IRM recommendations being addressed in 2018-2020

- ✓ **Wider membership of and diversity in the Advisory Group**
- ✓ **Anti-corruption work**
- ✓ **Possible full Official Information Act reform**
- ✓ **Civics education**
- ✓ **Trialling public policy co-creation**
- ✓ **Some open procurement**

Marginal impact up to 2018



New optimism



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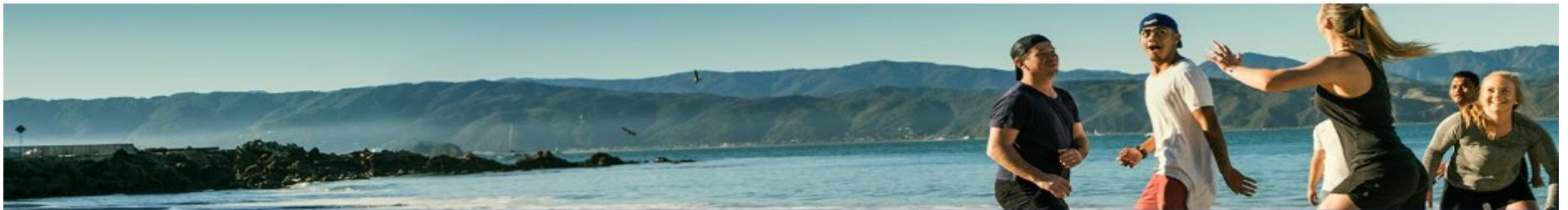
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Have your say about access to official information

Overview

The Ministry of Justice wants to hear your views on how the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) is working in practice, to inform a decision on whether to progress a review of this legislation. Your feedback will help inform a decision by Government on whether to review it, or whether instead to keep the focus on practice improvements.

Closes 18 Apr 2019

Opened 8 Mar 2019

Contact

OIAfeedback@justice.govt.nz

Other 2018-2020 Commitments:

- ✓ **Assessing digital service standard**
- ✓ **Reviewing algorithm use**
- ✓ **Increasing visibility of data stewardship practice**
- ✓ **Monitoring information management practices**
- ✓ **Open data**
 - ✓ **Dataset of government organisations**
 - ✓ **Government contracts awarded**

Endorsed by Open Government Minister Chris Hipkins:

- ***“Rather than taking the new plan as being the ultimate end state, I’m going to push hard to go even further and faster.”***
- ***“I don’t think anyone’s taken their foot off the accelerator - in fact, quite the opposite.”***

Source: Newsroom - <https://www.newsroom.co.nz/2019/02/19/449883/marginal-open-govt-progress-under-national>

But little or no progress to:

- **Fully reform official information legislation**
- **Include local government in the OGP programme**
- **Trial participatory budgeting**
- **Trial citizens' assemblies**
- **Adopt the international Open Contracting Standard**
- **Review political party donations**
- **Link up with NZ's work on the UN Sustainable Development Goals**

For long-term major impact:

NZ must add open government performance to public sector chief executives' contracts and to the new well-being indicators

Work with civil society to enable long-term meaningful co-creation and implementation of OGP commitments

I now formally launch the:



<https://www.opengovpartnership.org/documents/new-zealand-end-of-term-report-2016-2018>

The final word is with you.....

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