



## NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### **Review of the Privacy Act 1993 – Health Information**

The NZMA is New Zealand's largest medical organisation and has a pan professional membership. We have around 4500 members who come from all areas of medicine.

The NZMA aims to provide leadership of the medical profession, and promote:

- professional unity and values;
- the health of New Zealanders.

The key roles of the NZMA are to:

- provide advocacy on behalf of doctors and their patients;
- provide support and services to members and their practices;
- publish and maintain the Code of Ethics for the profession; and
- publish the New Zealand Medical Journal.

Our interest in this review relates specifically to health information privacy. We note that the Ministry of Health is currently working on a project on health information and how it is used. We agree with the Commission that any review of health information privacy should await the outcome of the Ministry's work.

Yours faithfully

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