

FREE EVENT!

2024 SOLOMON LECTURE



26 September
10.30am - 12pm



The Edge
State Library of Qld
Brisbane / Meanjin

Professor AJ Brown AM Professor of Public Policy & Law Griffith University

Professor Brown's keynote is titled *'Push, Pull and Public Trust: Taking Stock of Citizens' Rights to Know in A 'Free Assange' Australia'*.

Public trust and participation in government continues to hinge on ready access to official information. Yet the Australian policy landscape is riddled with tensions and mixed messages - from strengthened support for the proactive release of confidential information, to fragility and underfunding in information rights enforcement; from the moral and political victory of Julian Assange's return to Australia as a convicted but free citizen, to the Commonwealth Government's prosecution of public interest whistleblowers such as David McBride and Richard Boyle.

This lecture will attempt to make sense of, and some recommendations for, this conflicted policy landscape, with a focus on the lessons of effective information rights enforcement for other areas of the Queensland and national integrity systems, especially the duties and protections applying to the public officials who serve us as primary custodians of public interest information.

The keynote will be followed by a panel discussion. This event is a key activity of OIC's celebrations marking International Access to Information Day.



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