

**Submission
No 38**

**INQUIRY INTO STATE RECORDS ACT 1998 AND THE
POLICY PAPER ON ITS REVIEW**

Organisation: Port Stephens Council

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PORT STEPHENS
COUNCIL

Adam Lindsay
Executive Director
State Archives and Records Authority of NSW

Dear Mr Lindsay,

Re: INQUIRY INTO THE STATE RECORDS ACT 1998

Thank you for inviting Council to make a submission to the proposed changes to the current administrative arrangements of NSW State Archives and Records and Sydney Living Museums.

It is our understanding that this policy paper presents proposed reforms aimed at achieving 4 policy outcomes. These include:

1. That the stories that shape the social, historic and cultural identity of NSW are widely shared and understood.
2. That records of enduring value to the citizens of NSW are managed, preserved and made accessible.
3. That citizens have timely access to records documenting the activities and decisions that shape NSW and the lives of its citizens.
 - a) This point refers to updating the policy for public access from 30 years to 20 years.
4. That NSW public offices create, keep and protect records as evidence of their activities and decisions

Port Stephens Council is supportive of the proposed policy proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Wallis
General Manager