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Welcome

Welcome the 3rd issue of "Open Government: a journal on Freedom of Information", the end of the first year of the journal's life. The journal now has an extensive worldwide readership that we intend to build on in 2006. Thank you all the authors and reviewers who have worked with the journal during 2005. The aim for 2006 is to expand readership and attract more detailed research based articles whilst still seeking high quality viewpoint articles and brief communications.

Next year the journal will feature articles on the following topics:

- Freedom of Information in the EU
- Freedom of Information in Germany
- Freedom of Information and confidentiality
- Freedom of Information and Privacy Law interaction
- Freedom of Information in New Zealand
- Freedom of Information and the development agenda in Africa

I welcome articles from around world on the topic of Freedom of Information legislation. I'm also interested to hear from readers with views about issues of themes that the journal needs to cover.

As the journal is open access and non-commercial we have a limited budget for promotion, so please do pass on and promote the journal if you deem it be to be relevant to others. If you are willing to distribute a poster or some flyers at events, conferences etc please contact me at the email address below.

This issue's articles

This issue contains an interesting discussion by Paul Hubbard from University of Tasmania about national security information in the context of Australia using theories from information economics to challenge assumptions of secrecy. This issue also contains three articles from the UK, which this approaching the end of its first full year of implementation: Sarah Holsen from University College London outlines the results of a practitioner survey, UK Barrister Timothy Pitt-Payne discusses the Tribunal System under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and finally Heather Brooke outlines her perspective on the performance of the UK Information Commissioner during 2005.

Best wishes for 2006 to all readers

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