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Re: proposed amendment to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act ...applications that are "trivial, frivolous or vexatious" ... repetitive, excessively broad or not made in good faith.

I can tell you, a great deal of what happens in life is trivial, frivolous and vexatious.

What I think might be trivial, frivolous and vexatious may be very serious to you.

If I ask for access to information, or complain about some aspect of privacy because "*they looked at me funny at the grocery store*", then that request or complaint must be considered respectfully and knowledgeably, by someone with the experience and expertise to ask questions, consider responses and make a decision.

Judging whether the request might be frivolous and vexatious is not a random thing. It may involve relative risk analysis, priority setting, intermediate measures, probing, profuse apology, negotiating, and a myriad of other tactics.

This is not something done lightly and not a task to be handled by any random employee in every government department; the greatest risk is not knowing what you don't know.

If Nova Scotia does this, you better get a privacy lawyer on retainer to do it consistently across all departments.

Better still, leave it with the Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office.

Nova Scotia is a liberal democracy. Please do not undermine our rights.

Thank you.

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