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Twenty years ago, the “Fitzgerald Report” triggered a process of administrative law reform in Queensland which, at that time, ensured for the most part, comparability with existing mechanisms in other Australian jurisdictions. Now, a series of new reforms has placed Queensland at the forefront of administrative law reform in Australia. Along with the establishment of QCAT as an over-arching “merits review” tribunal, the Right to Information Act 2009 and its partner, the Information Privacy Act 2009, depart from the standard “FOI template” in creating a totally new model of access and management of government information. Significant steps aimed at enhancing public sector ethics have also been added to this package of reforms, including in particular the measures contained in the Integrity Act 2009. These reforms have significantly altered the administrative law landscape for Queensland and constitute a milestone for administrative law reform generally in Australia.	301
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