



Useful contacts (continued)

For advice about the State Public Sector Code of Ethics and human resource Standards:

Office of the Public Sector Standards Commissioner

Phone: (08) 9260 6600
Fax: (08) 9260 6611
Email: pssc@opssc.wa.gov.au
Website: www.opssc.wa.gov.au

For advice on misconduct and corruption:

Corruption and Crime Commission

Phone: (08) 9215 4888
Outside Metro: 1800 809 000
Fax: (08) 9215 4884
Email: info@ccc.wa.gov.au
Website: www.ccc.wa.gov.au

For advice on offences under a State law:

WA Police

Phone:(08) 9223 1000
Fax: (08) 9223 1010
Website: www.police.wa.gov.au

For advice on remedies for acts of victimisation under the *Equal Opportunity Act 1984*:

Equal Opportunity Commission

Phone: (08) 9216 3900
Fax: (08) 9216 3960
Website: www.equalopportunity.wa.gov.au

Useful contacts

For further information about public interest disclosures visit: www.opssc.wa.gov.au/pid

For further information on making a disclosure, contact the agency where the wrongdoing occurred and ask for the PID officer. Alternatively call the PID Advice & Referral Line: 1800 355 835

For advice on matters of State and local government administration:

WA Ombudsman

Phone: (08) 9220 7555
Outside Metro:1800 117 000
Fax: (08) 9325 1107
Email: mail@ombudsman.wa.gov.au
Website: www.ombudsman.wa.gov.au

For advice on public authorities' accountability and performance requirements:

Office of the Auditor General

Phone: (08) 9222 7500
Fax: (08) 9322 5664
Email: info@audit.wa.gov.au
Website: www.audit.wa.gov.au

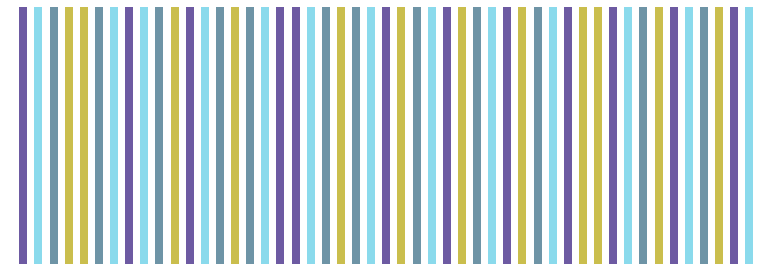
Public Interest Disclosures

Don't be afraid to speak up



***'Our lives begin to end
the day we become silent
about things that matter.'***

Martin Luther King Jnr





About public interest disclosures

The *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003* (the PID Act) came into effect on 1 July 2003. The PID Act enables people to make disclosures about wrongdoing within the State public sector, local government and public universities and offers protections for doing so. The PID Act aims to ensure openness and accountability in government by encouraging people to make disclosures by maintaining confidentiality and providing immunity from detrimental action.

What is a public interest disclosure?

A disclosure must relate to a matter of public interest and tend to show wrongdoing by a public authority, officer or contractor when performing a public function.

Wrongdoing includes:

- An offence under State law
- Substantial misuse or mismanagement of public resources
- Substantial risk of injury to public health, safety or the environment
- Administrative matters covered by the Ombudsman
- Improper conduct



Making a public interest disclosure

Who can make a disclosure?

Anyone who believes on reasonable grounds that the information is or may be true can make a public interest disclosure, including an employee of a public authority and a member of the public.

How do I make a disclosure?

Your disclosure must be made to a proper authority to be covered by the PID Act. The proper authority for receiving your information depends on the type of information you have.



Generally, you should make your disclosure to the public interest disclosure (PID) officer within the public authority where the wrongdoing occurred.

If you are not sure who to speak to, visit the PID website, or call the PID Advice & Referral Line, shown on the back of this brochure.



Important things to remember

Seek advice from the PID officer in the public authority concerned, or call the PID Advice & Referral Line on 1800 355 835, before making a disclosure.

Be careful about whom you make your disclosure to and how you make it. To be protected under the PID Act you must make your disclosure to the proper authority.

Be discreet by keeping your intentions to yourself. Do not broadcast the fact that you are going to make or have made a disclosure. Ensure your information is provided discreetly.

Don't breach confidentiality by going to the media or any other person with the information after you have made a disclosure. You may lose your immunity under the PID Act and you may incur a penalty.

Check your information is or may be true. Making false or misleading disclosures is an offence under the PID Act and carries a penalty.

