

## Media release

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### **Ombudsman to review Public Interest Disclosures Act**

The Queensland Ombudsman, Phil Clarke, has commenced a review of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010*.

“Public interest disclosures, sometimes called PIDs, are an important part of the public sector’s system of accountability,” Mr Clarke said.

“We know PIDs help to uncover serious wrongdoing in the public sector, so it’s important that the system for managing them operates effectively — including providing protection for people who make disclosures,” he said.

Mr Clarke has released an issues paper and called for submissions as part of his review of the PID Act.

The paper provides background about the PID Act and asks questions about various topics, including the types of wrongdoing that should be reported as a ‘public interest disclosure’, the requirements on agencies and individuals and the reprisal protection provisions.

“I am looking for input from a broad range of people and organisations to contribute ideas about possible changes,” Mr Clarke said.

“I encourage public sector agencies, public officers, disclosers and others in the community to consider the issues and provide me with comments and proposals about the operations of the PID Act.”

The closing date for submissions to the issues paper is **15 January 2016**.

The Office of the Queensland Ombudsman is undertaking the review as the oversight agency for the PID Act. At the end of the review, the Ombudsman will provide a report to the Attorney-General and the Speaker of the Parliament.

The issues paper is available on the Queensland Ombudsman [website](#).

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