

Public Interest Disclosure Assessment Guide

To assess whether a matter amounts to a disclosure under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act (2010)* (the PID Act), it needs to include all of the following elements:

- an appropriate disclosure
- of public interest information
- made to a proper authority.

1. An appropriate disclosure		
<p>Does the discloser honestly believe on reasonable grounds that the information tends to show the conduct being disclosed?</p> <p>or</p> <p>Is there evidence which tends to show the conduct occurred (regardless of the discloser's belief)?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p><i>Consider whether there is any evidence to suggest the disclosure is intentionally false or misleading.</i></p>
2. Of public interest information		
<p>If the discloser is a public officer, is the disclosure about any of the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> substantial and specific danger to health and safety of a person with a disability <input type="checkbox"/> the commission of an offence, or contravention of a condition imposed under a provision of legislation mentioned in Schedule 2 of the PID Act, if the offence or contravention would be a substantial and specific danger to the environment <input type="checkbox"/> reprisal connected to a previous PID <input type="checkbox"/> corrupt conduct <input type="checkbox"/> maladministration that adversely affects a person's interests in a substantial and specific way <input type="checkbox"/> a substantial misuse of public resources <input type="checkbox"/> substantial and specific danger to public health or safety <input type="checkbox"/> substantial and specific danger to the environment <p>or</p> <p>If the discloser is NOT a public officer, is the disclosure about any of the below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> substantial and specific danger to health and safety of a person with a disability <input type="checkbox"/> the commission of an offence, or contravention of a condition imposed under a provision mentioned in Schedule 2 of the PID Act, if the contravention would be a substantial and specific danger to the environment <input type="checkbox"/> reprisal connected to a previous PID 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<p><i>Consider whether the discloser's employment status meets the definition of public officer as defined in s.7 of the PID Act. If in doubt, proceed on the basis that the discloser is a public officer until there is evidence to the contrary.</i></p> <p><i>Public interest information is defined in ss.12 and 13 of the PID Act. If the disclosure is not about one of these categories of public interest information, then it is not a PID. For more information about categories of public interest information, refer to the Queensland Ombudsman's website: www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au.</i></p>

