

Legislation and standards

Ombudsman Act

The [Ombudsman Act 2001](#) provides for the appointment of an Ombudsman. It also defines our role and powers.

Public Interest Disclosure Act

We are the oversight agency for the [Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010](#) (the PID Act). The purpose of the PID Act is to 'facilitate the disclosure, in the public interest, of information about wrongdoing in the public sector and to provide protection for those who make disclosures'.

Public Interest Disclosure standards

The Public Interest Disclosure standards, issued by the Ombudsman under section 60 of the PID Act detail the actions public entities must take when preparing for and responding to a public interest disclosure. These standards are:

- [Public Interest Disclosure Standard No. 1/2019 – Public Interest Disclosure Management Program \(144KB\)](#)
- [Public Interest Disclosure Standard No. 2/2019 – Assessing, Investigating and Dealing with Public Interest Disclosures \(169.4KB\)](#)
- [Public Interest Disclosure Standard No. 3/2019 – Public Interest Disclosure Data Recording and Reporting \(117.8KB\)](#)