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Review of the Public Interest Disclosure Act

2023 review

On 23 November 2022, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Honourable Shannon Fentiman announced the Queensland Government had begun its review of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010*.

This review was recommended by Professor Peter Coaldrake AO in his report *Let the sunshine in: Review of culture and accountability in the Queensland public sector.*

The Review was completed by the Honourable Mr Alan Wilson (KC) and delivered to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP on 19 June 2023.

On 8 August 2023 the <u>Final report</u> was released. Read the Attorney-General's media statement.

Further information is available on the Department of Justice and Attorney-General website.

2017 review

The <u>Review of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010: A review pursuant to s.62 of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010</u> was tabled by the Attorney-General in Parliament on 27 February 2017.

The review was conducted by the Queensland Ombudsman – the oversight agency of the <u>Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010</u> (the PID Act). The Ombudsman made 40 recommendations aimed at addressing technical, operational and implementation issues of the PID Act. The review concluded that the PID Act is a key element of the public sector integrity framework in Queensland and that the objects of the PID Act remain relevant.

Submissions

The Queensland Ombudsman reviewed the PID Act and released an <u>issues paper (PDF 704KB)</u> calling for written submissions in November 2015.

In total, 26 submissions were received. The Ombudsman

decided not to publish three submissions. The remaining 23 submissions are published below.

| Submission | Date received |
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| Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland (PDF 376.9KB) | 13 Jan 2016 |
| Australian Medical Students Association (PDF 338.1KB) | 15 Jan 2016 |
| Central Queensland Hospital and Health Services (PDF 61.2KB) | 13 Jan 2016 |
| Peter N. Collins (PDF 80.2KB) | 15 Jan 2016 |
| Darling Downs Hospital and Health Service (PDF 689.6KB) | 16 Jan 2016 |
| Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (PDF 122.8KB) | 15 Jan 2016 |
| Department of Education and Training (PDF 279KB) | 18 Jan 2016 |
| Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (PDF 196.6KB) | 13 Jan 2016 |

| Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (PDF 1.1MB) | 17 Dec 2016 |
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| Department of Justice and Attorney-General (PDF 86.2KB) | 15 Jan 2016 |
| Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing (PDF 2.2MB) | 15 Jan 2016 |
| Department of Natural Resources and Mines; Department of Energy and Water Supply (PDF 3.9MB) | 29 Jan 2016 |
| Department of State Development (PDF 874.6KB) | 21 Dec 2016 |
| Gold Coast City Council (PDF 2.4MB) | 07 Jan 2016 |
| Logan City Council (PDF 212.3KB) | 14 Jan 2016 |
| Office of the Health Ombudsman (PDF 3MB) | 20 Jan 2016 |
| Queensland Audit Office (PDF 1.7MB) | 13 Jan 2016 |
| Queensland Health (PDF 1.2MB) | 15 Jan 2016 |
| Queensland Police Service (PDF 410.6KB) | 5 Jan 2016 |
| Queensland Rail (PDF 140.3KB) | 15 Jan 2016 |

| Queensland University of Technology (PDF 2.3MB) | 12 Jan 2016 |
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| University of Queensland (PDF 3.8MB) | 09 Feb 2016 |
| Whistleblowers Action Group Queensland (PDF 532KB) | 9 Jan 2016 |
| Not for publication | 1 Jan 2016 |
| Confidential | 13 Jan 2016 |
| Confidential | 15 Jan 2016 |

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