

Public Interest Disclosure Statement

The Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003 (PID Act) allows people to make disclosures about wrongdoing in public authorities, which includes the State public sector, local governments, government trading enterprises, public universities and some government boards and committees (public authorities) and protects them when they do.

BURSWOOD PARK

Burswood Park Board encourages people to come forward with information about wrongdoing without fear of reprisal.

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

What is a public interest disclosure?

A public interest disclosure is more than a general complaint or dissatisfaction with a product, service or decision of government. A public interest disclosure must relate to wrongdoing, not be trivial and must be made to the right person (Being a proper authority). A public interest disclosure must be managed according to the PID Act and, once made, the person making the disclosure cannot withdraw it.

You could make a public interest disclosure if your information meets all of the following criteria:

- The information is 'public interest information' covered by the PID Act.
- You disclose the information to a proper authority (a PID Officer in a public authority or a person or authority noted in the PID Act as being able to receive disclosures).
- You believe on reasonable grounds your information is or may be true.
- The information is not protected by legal professional privilege.

This might involve:

- An offence under State Law.
- Conduct relating to matters of State Government Administration affecting you.
- Substantial mismanagement of public resources.
- Substantial unauthorised or irregular use of public resources.
- Substantial and specific risk of injury to public health, prejudice to public safety or harm to the environment.
- Improper conduct.





How do I make a public interest disclosure?

Seek advice.

The Public Sector Commission provides information for people thinking of making a disclosure and to assist public authorities in complying with their obligations under the Act.

Public Sector Commission – Information for Disclosers

Public Sector Commission – Guide for Disclosers "Don't be afraid to speak up"

Further information

Should further information be required, please contact a Burswood Park Board Public Interest Disclosure Officer.

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Those wishing to make a public interest disclosure under the Act are encouraged to do so in writing. The Public Interest Disclosure Lodgement Form is available to assist you with this. A copy of the form is available on the link below:

BPB PID Lodgement Form

Completed forms can be emailed to the PID Officer listed above.

Related Documents, Legislation and Standards

- Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003
- Public Sector Commission