

# Protected Disclosures

The *Protected Disclosure Act 2012* (PD Act) came into force on 10 February 2013.

## Compliance with the Protected Disclosures Act 2012

The PD Act enables people to make disclosures about improper conduct within the public sector without fear of reprisal. It aims to ensure openness and accountability by encouraging people to make disclosures and protecting them when they do.

LMWRRG is a 'public body' for the purposes of the *Environment Protection Act 1970*.

## What is a protected disclosure?

A protected disclosure is a complaint of corrupt or improper conduct by a public officer or a public body, or a disclosure about detrimental action against a person by a public body or public official is reprisal for the making of a protected disclosure. For the disclosure to be protected it must be made in accordance with Part 2 of the PD Act.

## What is improper or corrupt conduct?

Improper or corrupt conduct includes the dishonest performance of public functions, knowingly or recklessly breaching public trust, misuse of information obtained in an official capacity, substantial mismanagement of public resources, or substantial risk to public health, safety or the environment.

The conduct must be criminal in nature or a matter for which an officer could be dismissed.

## How do I make a 'Protected Disclosure'?

You can make a protected disclosure about LMWRRG or its board members, officers or employees by contacting IBAC on the contact details provided below.

Please note that LMWRRG is NOT able to receive protected disclosures.

Contact:

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Victoria (IBAC)

Level 1, North Tower, 459 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Mail: IBAC, GPO Box 24234, Melbourne Vic 3001

Website: [www.ibac.vic.gov.au](http://www.ibac.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 1300 735 135

Email: see the IBAC website above for the secure email disclosure process, which also provides for anonymous disclosures.

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