

COUNCIL POLICY LG536

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

KEY FOCUS AREA LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate Council's commitment to developing, implementing and maintaining a governance program for public interest disclosures (**PIDs**).

Policy

Council is dedicated and committed to providing the budget and sufficient resources to achieve the aims and objectives of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*. Council is committed to the following principles:

- The Town meeting the requirements of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*.
- Ensuring the philosophy and principles apply at all levels of the organisation.

The CEO will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the Town has at least one designated PID Officer who is qualified to or will be provided training to undertake that role.
- Providing training to employees to understand their rights and responsibilities and the available protection under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*.
- Cultivating a culture that does not tolerate corruption or other improper conduct.
- Creating and reviewing policies, management practices and programs that support PID.

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| Legislation: | <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> <i>Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003</i> <i>Corruption and Crime Commission Amendment (Misconduct) Act 2014</i> | | |
| Organisational: | Code of Conduct Integrated Risk Management Framework Governance Framework LG537 - Fraud Prevention Policy Public Interest Disclosure Lodgement Form | | |
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