

Reports to the ACT Integrity Commission

What should I report?

Any person can report wrongdoing by a person or organisation that is covered by the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* or the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012*.



Reports to the Commission should relate to:

- **Corruption**
- **Maladministration (which is essentially substantially mismanagement), or**
- **Conduct that poses a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or the environment.**

Reports may be made to the Commission either orally or in writing (including by using any form of electronic communication).

This factsheet outlines the conduct that may be reported to the Commission and the public officers and public entities that can be investigated by the Commission.

Public Officials and Entities

The Commission can receive, assess, and investigate reports that involve or affect an ACT public official, former public official, public sector entity, or certain aspects of public administration.

Public Officials

A public official is any person who exercises an official function for the ACT or is acting in a public official capacity for the ACT. Public officials include:

- Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and their staff;

- judicial officers (including the justices of the ACT Supreme Court, magistrates of the ACT Magistrates Court, and the registrars of the Supreme Court and the Magistrates Court)
- presidential members, non-presidential members, assessors, and registrars of the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal;
- officers of the Legislative Assembly (including the Auditor-General, the Electoral Commissioner, and the Ombudsman);
- statutory office holders;
- public servants;
- employees of a public sector entity; and
- contractors, employees of contractors, or volunteers exercising a function of, a public sector entity

Public Sector Entities

Public sector entities within the Commission's jurisdiction include a Legislative Assembly entity, the ACT public service and other ACT entities of a public nature. They include:

- the ACT public service;
- MLAs and their staff, the Office of the Legislative Assembly, and officers of the Legislative Assembly (such as the Auditor-General, members of the Electoral Commission) and their staff;
- government directorates;
- statutory office holders;
- ACT authorities;
- ACT instrumentalities;
- ACT-owned corporations (and their subsidiaries);
- Providers of ACT public health services, including public hospitals in the ACT;
- ACT detention places and correctional centres;
- providers of ACT public transport;
- providers of ACT emergency services;
- providers of ACT public education;



- providers of ACT public housing; and
- providers of gas, electricity, and water supply for or on behalf of the ACT and related entities.

Entities we cannot investigate

The Commission does not investigate public sector entities from the Commonwealth or the other state or territory jurisdictions. This includes ACT Policing (Australian Federal Police).

The Commission encourages those who are considering making a report to familiarise themselves with the alternative complaint receiving entities listed on the Commission's [website](#).

Consequences for making a false report

It is very important to tell the truth in all dealings with the Commission and Commission staff. Failure to do so can have very serious consequences.

It is an offence to make a false statement to mislead, or attempt to mislead, the Commissioner or a member of staff of the Commission.

Reporters are protected from adverse action or reprisal. However, reporters who knowingly provide information that is false, misleading, or vexatious to the Commission lose the protections under the *Integrity Commission Act 2018*.

Contact us

The Commission's preferred method for receiving reports is via the online web form.

There are a number of alternative contact methods listed on our 'Contact Us' page.

Reports can be made anonymously. However, anonymous reports impact the Commission's ability to seek further information and, in some cases, may impact its ability to investigate their subject matter.

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Complaints email:

complaints@integrity.act.gov.au

Postal address:

GPO Box 1949, Canberra, ACT, 2601

Telephone:

(02) 6205 9899

General enquiries email:

info@integrity.act.gov.au

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