



An initiative for Corruption Awareness Week 2023

Anti-corruption agencies in the ACT

When the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC) commenced on 1 July 2023, it became the second anti-corruption agency in Canberra, operating alongside the ACT Integrity Commission (ACTIC). When people have allegations of corrupt conduct that has occurred, or is occurring, within the ACT, they may not know which agency to report to.

The ACTIC and NACC have developed this resource to support understanding and contribute to a stronger pro-integrity culture in the Australian and ACT governments.

What's the difference between the two commissions?

The ACTIC and the NACC have similar powers as anti-corruption agencies, but they operate in different jurisdictions.

The NACC is concerned with corrupt conduct involving Commonwealth public officials. Most people who work for, exercise the powers of, or perform functions for the Australian Government or the Australian Parliament, are public officials under the [National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022](#). The NACC can investigate any person, even if they are not a public official, if they do something that might cause a Commonwealth public official to carry out their official role other than honestly or impartially.

The ACTIC is concerned with corrupt conduct involving ACT Government public officials, the Legislative Assembly and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), ACT public entities and contractors providing services to the ACT Government. Although the ACTIC can receive all allegations of suspected corruption, it will prioritise the investigation of serious or systemic matters.

NACC jurisdiction

- Members of the Australian Parliament, including Ministers in the Australian Government
- Staff of parliamentarians and ministers
- Staff of Commonwealth departments, agencies, Commonwealth companies and statutory bodies (including consultants and volunteers)
- Commonwealth agency heads
- Service providers under Commonwealth contracts (including consultants and others providing contracted services on behalf of the government)

ACTIC jurisdiction

- The ACT Legislative Assembly
- MLAs and their staff
- All ACT Government agencies,
- Statutory bodies (like the ACT Electoral Commission)
- ACT public health services
- ACT public transport
- ACT public schools and tertiary institutions
- ACT fire and ambulance services
- ACT correctional centres and places of detention
- Some gas, electricity and water supply, and Territory-owned corporations



What about ACT Policing?

ACT Policing is a community policing branch of the Australian Federal Police (AFP). It provides contracted services to the ACT Government, but as a branch of the AFP, it falls under the jurisdiction of the NACC. Any allegations of corrupt conduct by ACT Policing should be made to the NACC.

What about other Commonwealth entities in the ACT?

There are a few ACT-based Commonwealth entities that also fall under the jurisdiction of the NACC. Examples include:

- Australian National University
- Australian War Memorial
- Royal Australian Mint
- National Capital Authority.

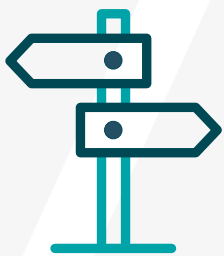
What happens if I report to the wrong agency?

The ACTIC and the NACC both have powers under their legislation that allow them to refer a corruption matter to another agency. If you make a report to the ACTIC on a matter that sits within the NACC's jurisdiction, the ACTIC can share it with the NACC. Likewise, the NACC can refer a corruption matter to another Commonwealth agency or state or territory government entity for consideration.

Both the NACC and the ACTIC have staff who can direct you to the appropriate agency to lodge a report with if you are unsure.

Can I report to both the NACC and the ACTIC?

It can be tempting to report suspected corruption to multiple anti-corruption agencies to ensure your matter is dealt with. Both the NACC and the ACTIC review every complaint they receive, and you should try to only report to the correct agency.



For Corruption Awareness Week 2023, the ACTIC has developed a dedicated '[Decision Making Guide](#)' directing you to the correct agency to make a report.

How to report

Any person who has a reasonable suspicion that corrupt conduct has occurred can make a report to the NACC or the ACTIC.

To the NACC

Webform: report.nacc.gov.au

Call: **1300 489 844** (domestic)
+612 61059600 (international)

Post to: **The NACC, GPO Box 605,
Canberra ACT 2601**

The NACC does not currently accept corruption reports in person.

For more information about the National Anti-Corruption Commission:

nacc.gov.au

To the ACTIC

Webform: integrity.act.gov.au

Call: **(02) 6205 9899**

Email:
complaints@integrity.act.gov.au

The ACTIC does not accept corruption reports in person.

For more information about the ACT Integrity Commission:

integrity.act.gov.au