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How to report corruption to the ACT Integrity Commission

Corruption - it hurts all of us. It wastes public resources, erodes trust in public institutions, and creates injustice and inequality.

Corruption happens in many ways and doesn't always look the same.

It might be an official making decisions such as awarding a large contract to a supplier for personal or political gain, or the promise of a good job instead of making decisions which deliver the best value for money and are in the public interest.

It could be an official accessing and disclosing official information without the authority to do so to benefit themselves or someone else. Official information can be very valuable. It can help businesses gain an advantage over their competitors or enable criminals to exploit people and systems.

Corruption can be an official providing false or misleading information such as an official who lies in a Court proceeding to protect a close friend or family member from penalty or to avoid political controversy.

Corruption can even be an official who lies to media as it misleads the public.

Corruption can cause significant damage to society and individuals. It can constitute a human rights issue.

Australians rightly expect their governments to act with integrity and honesty.

Corruption jeopardises this fundamental right.

It can expose people, infrastructure and the environment to serious harm and that hurts all of us.

But you can do something about it. You can report suspected corruption to the ACT Integrity Commission. We investigate, expose and prevent corruption in the ACT public sector.

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If you become aware of suspicious behaviour involving an official or an ACT government agency, report it.

Reporting is easy and can be done via our website where the online form steps you through the reporting process. You can also report corruption anonymously.

When you report corruption you are protected by law. Anyone who takes action against you for making a report can face penalties.

In other words if you make a report we've got your back.

We treat all reports seriously. We carefully consider the information you provide to determine how to deal with your report.

We can investigate your report, dismiss your report, or refer it to another agency and we will keep you informed along the way.

Whatever the outcome, the information you provide is important. It may even help us investigate, expose, and prevent corruption in the future.

To report corruption, go to integrity.act.gov.au. Remember what we don't know could hurt all of us.

