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Introduction to the ACT Integrity Commission

Every day, residents of the ACT connect with the ACT government.

It could be using our roads or public transport. It might be accessing health and education services, or perhaps your business provides goods or services to the government. People in the ACT expect their government and officials to act with integrity. But corruption threatens this.

Left unchecked corruption can cause serious harm.

It wastes public resources which should rightfully be used to benefit the community and prevents the delivery of essential services.

Corruption impacts the reputation of our public sector and our government and it damages community trust. Corruption hurts everyone and it's never OK.

That is where we come in. At the ACT Integrity Commission our vision is trustworthy government.

We are committed to fighting corruption in the ACT and reducing its harms.

Our jurisdictions, or the people and agencies we can investigate, includes the ACT public sector and current and former public officials including employees, contractors, and anyone else who delivers services for or on behalf of the ACT Government.

Fighting serious and systemic corrupt conduct is our priority. That is conduct which is likely to cause significant harm to our government and community.

To fight corruption we have a broad range of law enforcement powers which allow us to gather information, intelligence and evidence.

We also have coercive powers, similar to those of a Royal Commission, which we use to obtain information and other things from witnesses.

These powers are essential and appropriate for us to do our work because investigating, exposing, and preventing corruption is so important.

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But not all of our work relates to investigating corruption. We have a strong focus on corruption prevention too.

We provide advice and education to the ACT public sector and community to raise awareness of the risks and impact of corruption.

We also develop tools and resources to support the prevention of corruption in the ACT.

We want everyone to be able to recognise corruption when they see it and know how to report it.

This helps us to stop corruption in its tracks.

Through our work we help build confidence in government and protect the ACT from the harms of corruption and you can help too. Keep an eye out for suspicious behaviour and trust your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, it probably isn't.

Report your concerns to us using our online reporting form - because fighting corruption is everyone's business. For more information and resources go to integrity.act.gov.au.