

# Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018

In November 2018 the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* ('the Act') received assent. Upon commencement it will repeal the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993*.

The Act encourages and facilitates disclosures of certain information in the public interest, by ensuring that proper procedures are in place and protecting persons making a disclosure.

Under the new framework, the 'relevant authority' for receipt of such disclosures will, variously, include elected members, council employees and CEO's. These persons will be required to provide the Office for Public Integrity with information in accordance with the *Reporting Directions & Public Interest Disclosure Guidelines* prepared by the ICAC.

## Is your council ready for these changes?

### Training Sessions

We have tailored a 1.5 hour training session aimed at both employees and elected members. The session is designed to provide an overview of the operation of the Act, an outline of the relevant roles and responsibilities of public officers and an analysis of the operation of the Reporting Guidelines.

For a fee of **\$150 (ex GST)** per person, KelledyJones will ensure that attendees gain an understanding of this new framework, and will be equipped with knowledge to assist their council with the operation of the new provisions.

### Draft Procedure

Within three (3) months of commencement, the Act requires the CEO to have a Procedure in place for the receipt of a disclosure of public interest information.

For a fixed fee of **\$750 (ex GST)** KelledyJones can assist with the preparation of a draft, bespoke, Procedure, taking into account organisational requirements, as well the requirements under the Act.

## Program and Venue

Training sessions will be offered on the following dates and times at KelledyJones Lawyers Level 6, 19 Gilles Street, ADELAIDE

For council employees

**9 May 2019** 6:00pm – 7:30pm  
**24 May 2019** 5:00pm – 6:30pm

For elected members

**8 May 2019** 3:30pm – 5:00pm  
**16 May 2019** 6:00pm – 7:30pm

## Pricing

### Training

\$150 (ex GST) per person

### Draft Procedure

\$750 (ex GST)

To register, please email Emma Moore at [emoore@kelledyjones.com.au](mailto:emoore@kelledyjones.com.au)

## Individual Council Seminars

KelledyJones can deliver this training session in your region or at your council.

We are more than happy to discuss regional and in-house seminars. For more information please call Natasha Jones at KelledyJones on **8113 7102**