

Crown land managers and the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022.

What is the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022?

The new *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022* (PID Act 2022) is now in effect, replacing the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (PID Act 1994).

The PID Act 2022's main function is to cover the reporting of wrongdoings by government officials without fear of detrimental actions.

How it applies to Crown land managers

Through their management of Crown Land, all Crown Land Managers, their employees, volunteers and contractors are now covered under the PID Act 2022.

What is serious wrongdoing?

Serious wrongdoings mean 1 or more of the following –

- a) corrupt conduct (e.g. blackmail, fraud, breach of public trust, theft),
- (b) a government information contravention,
- (c) a local government pecuniary interest contravention,
- (d) serious maladministration (e.g. breach of legislation)
- (e) a privacy contravention (e.g. release of personal information to members of the public),
- (f) a serious and substantial waste of public money.

(The PID Act under Schedule 2 Dictionary references *corrupt conduct* has the same meaning as in the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*.)

How to make a report

A report can be made to your local Crown Lands office where it will be confidentially handled by a Crown Land designated Disclosure Officer.

It can alternately be reported directly to pidreporting@dpie.nsw.gov.au

Where to get more information

Further information is available in the [Public Interest Disclosures Policy \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/public-interest-disclosures-policy) and the [NSW Ombudsman website](https://www.nsw.gov.au/ombudsman).
