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PID annual report for 2014-15 is now available

The Commonwealth Ombudsman's office has recently tabled the second annual report on the operation of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (PID Act) in the Commonwealth Public sector. The PID report is included in the Ombudsman's 2014- 15 Annual report, available [here](#).

The PID report includes statistics about the number and nature of disclosures received by each agency subject to the PID Act, as well as observations made by the Ombudsman's office about the operation of the PID scheme.

We would like to thank all agencies for the cooperation and assistance they provided to our office during the preparation of the annual report.

Statutory review of the PID Act

A review of the PID Act is due to commence by January 2016. The responsibility for deciding the form of the review rests with the responsible Minister (that is the Prime Minister). We will pass on the details, when known.

Our experience to date in overseeing and reporting on the operation of the PID Act and providing assistance to agencies means we are

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already well placed to contribute to the review.

We are also planning a series of roundtable meetings with agencies to seek feedback on their experiences with the PID Act. The timing and location of these sessions will be advised through our PID mailing list and on the PID webpage at '[News and Events](#)'.

Agencies are also welcome to contact the [PID Team](#) directly to provide feedback on the PID Act.

New PID information products are available

We have recently published two new PID information products and revised a third. They can all be downloaded on our website www.pid.ombudsman.gov.au. Agencies can use these products to promote and explain the PID scheme.

[> Read more](#)

Can we help to raise PID awareness in your agency?

Did you know that the Ombudsman's office conducts free information sessions about the PID scheme?

[> Read more](#)

A new look Commonwealth Ombudsman's website is coming soon

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The Commonwealth Ombudsman's webpage will shortly undergo a change in logo and design. The current PID information for agencies will remain available on the new look website at www.pid.ombudsman.gov.au.

PID Communities of Practice

Anyone responsible for the administration of the PID scheme in any capacity (as an authorised officer, an investigator, or an HR professional) is welcome to join our PID Community of Practice.

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Your invitation to join the 'Whistling Wiki' community on Govdex

The Commonwealth Ombudsman, New South Wales Ombudsman and Queensland Ombudsman have created the *Whistling Wiki* online community where Australian authorities and PID practitioners can discuss the challenges and best practice in PID schemes.

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The Ombudsman's PID Team

The Commonwealth Ombudsman is committed to both supporting and protecting persons who make PIDs, and to providing assistance and guidance to agencies responsible for handling those PIDs.

Our PID Team can be contacted on 02 6276 3777, or via email at pid@ombudsman.gov.au. We are here to help!

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