

**When a public official
(current or former)
(s69)**

- public servants
- parliamentary service officers
- service providers under a Commonwealth contract
- Defence Force members
- Australian Federal Police appointees
- statutory office holders
- staff of Commonwealth companies
- individual taken to be public officials

**discloses information
(s26)**

- the information tends to show, or the public official believes on reasonable grounds that the information tends to show disclosable conduct
- the disclosure is not made in the course of performing the discloser's ordinary functions as a public official

**about disclosable conduct
(s29)**

- conduct engaged in by an agency, public official or contracted service provider

AND

- involves illegal conduct, corruption, maladministration, abuse of public trust, deception relating to scientific research, wastage of public money, unreasonable danger to health or safety, danger to the environment, or abuse of position or grounds for disciplinary action resulting in termination

NOTE:

- personal work related conduct is NOT disclosable conduct unless it could constitute reprisal or is otherwise significant

**to an authorised
internal recipient
(s34)**

- principal officer or authorised officer of own agency, agency where the public official previously belonged, or agency to which the disclosable conduct relates
- supervisor or manager
- Commonwealth Ombudsman (if there is a reasonable belief the Ombudsman should investigate)
- IGIS (if the disclosure relates to an intelligence agency or to an intelligence function of the AFP, AUSTRAC or Department of Home Affairs)

**they receive protection
(s13)**

- protection from:
- reprisals (ss 14-16 & 19)
 - exposure of their identity (ss 20 & 21)
 - civil, criminal or administrative liability (s10)