



GUNNEDAH SHIRE COUNCIL

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Background

Council is required to report annually on its obligations under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994 (PID Act).

The report must be in accordance with the requirements of Section 31 of the PID Act and clause 4 of the Public Interest Disclosures Regulation 2011 (PID Regulation).

This PID Act Annual Report is for the period July 2012 to June 2013.

1. Statistical Information on Public Interest Disclosures (clause 4(2)(a)-(c) – PID Regulation)

Information, in the detail required by clause 4(2)(a)-(c) of the PID Regulation, is shown in the following table.

	July 2012 – June 2013
Number of public officials who made PIDs	0
Number of PIDs received	0
Number of PIDs received relating to:	
▪ Corrupt conduct	0
▪ Maladministration	0
▪ Serious and substantial waste of local government money	0
▪ Government information contraventions	0
▪ Local government pecuniary interest contraventions	0
Number of PIDs finalised	0

2. Internal Reporting Policy (clause 4(2)(d) – PID Regulation)

Council's current Internal Reporting Policy was adopted in October 2012 and is based on the NSW Ombudsman's model internal reporting policy for local government.

Council's Internal Reporting Policy is attached as an annexure to this Report.

3. Staff Awareness of Internal Reporting Policy (clause 4(2)(e) – PID Regulation)

During the reporting period, Council undertook the following actions to meet its staff awareness obligations:

- All staff were notified of the adoption of the new Internal Reporting Policy in October 2012.
- Specialised training on the Internal Reporting System and the importance of public interest disclosures was provided to administration staff by an external trainer.
- Information on public interest disclosures is included in Council's Employee Manual which is provided to all new staff.
- Information on the Internal Reporting System is provided to all new staff during Council's induction process.
- The Internal Reporting Policy is available on Council's intranet and website.