

Public Interest Disclosure Annual Report 2016/2017 Richmond Valley Council recognises the people of the Bundjalung Nations as Custodians and Traditional Owners of this land and we value and appreciate the continuing cultural connection to lands, their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region in the past, present and future.



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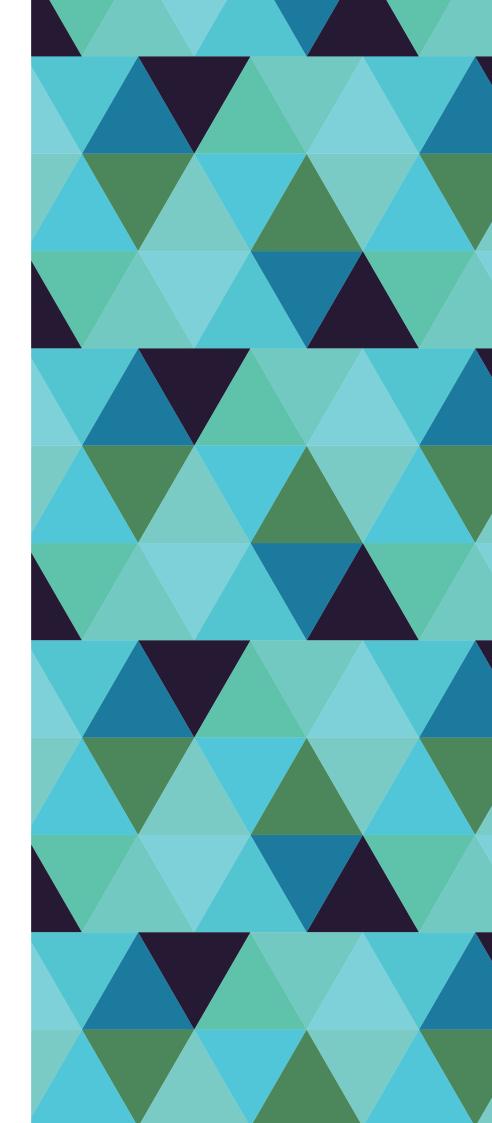
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Background

Following amendments to the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (PID Act) in March 2011, Council is required to report annually on its obligations under the 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 Regulations).

This report is for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Statistical information on Public Interest Disclosures (clause 4(a)-(c) – PID Regulations)

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

	July 2016 – June 2017
Number of public officials who made PIDs	0
Number of PIDs received	0
Of PIDs received, number primarily about:	
Corrupt conduct	0
Maladministration	0
Serious and substantial waste	0
Government information contravention	0
Local government pecuniary interest contravention	0
Number of PIDs finalised	0

Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy (clause 4(d) – PID Regulations)

Council reviewed and adopted its Internal Reporting Policy on 22 December 2015.

A copy of Council's Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy 1.1.15 is attached as an annexure to this Report.

Staff awareness of Public Interest Disclosures Policy (clause 4(e) – PID Regulations)

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

- Staff awareness training and new staff induction training
- Staff refresher training on Internal Reporting Policy
- Internal Reporting Policy available on Council's staff intranet and on Council's website,
- Posters on noticeboards
- Information made available on Council's website

Annexure

Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy 1.1.15