

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

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Background

Under the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2022* (PID Act), Council is required to report annually on its obligations under the PID Act. The report must be in accordance with the requirements of section 78 of the PID Act and Clause 5 of the Public Interest Disclosures Regulation 2022 (PID Regulation).

This report is for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Statistical Information on Public Interest Disclosures

Description	Total
Total number of purported PIDs made by public officials to the reporting agency that were not public interest disclosures	0
Total number of purported PIDs that were made by other persons (not public officials) to the reporting agency that were not public interest disclosures	0
Total number of purported PIDs (that we not in fact PIDs) that the agency did not deal with or ceased to deal with as a PID because it was not made by a public official	0
Total number of purported PIDs (that we not in fact PIDs) that the agency did not deal with or ceased to deal with as a PID because it was not a report of serious wrongdoing	0
Total number of voluntary PIDs the reporting agency finalised during this return period	0
Total number of voluntary PIDs the reporting agency received during the return period	0

2023/2024 figures submitted to Information and Privacy Commission on 9 July 2024.

Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy

Council adopted a reviewed version of its Internal Reporting (Public Interest Disclosures) Policy on 19 September 2023.

A copy of Council's Internal Reporting (Public Interest Disclosures) Policy 1.09 is available on Council's website:

https://richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/council/access-to-council-information/policy-documents/





Staff awareness of Public Interest Disclosures Policy

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

- Mandatory PID training undertaken by all staff identified as a Disclosure Officer or Manager under the PID Act,
- Staff induction training and requirement for acknowledgement of Internal Reporting (Public Interest Disclosures) Policy prior to commencement of employment,
- Internal Reporting (Public Interest Disclosures) Policy available on Council's staff intranet and on Council's website, and
- Information made available on Council's website.

