

Important notice about making disclosures

Development Victoria is *not* a body that may receive public interest disclosures.

A disclosure must be made to an external body that has the authority to receive the disclosure under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2012 (Vic)*.

1. Purpose and Scope

- As a public body, Development Victoria is subject to the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012 (Vic)*. The purpose of the Act is to encourage and facilitate the making of disclosures of improper conduct of public officers and public bodies, including Development Victoria, its employees and officers.
- Development Victoria is committed to the aims and objectives of the Act, recognises the value of transparency and accountability, and supports the making of disclosures that reveal improper conduct. Development Victoria does not tolerate improper conduct by the organisation, its employees or officers, nor the taking of detrimental action in reprisal against those who come forward to disclose such conduct.
- This Policy applies to all staff, Board members and contractors. It should be read in conjunction with the Making and Handling Public Interest Disclosures Procedure. Development Victoria will regularly review this Policy and the Procedures to ensure they continue to meet the objectives of the Act.

2. Making a disclosure

Development Victoria is not permitted to receive public interest disclosures made under the Act. If you wish to make a disclosure you must make that disclosure directly to:

- the Independent Broad-based Anti-Corruption Commission (IBAC);
- the Ombudsman; or
- the Victorian Inspectorate.

3. Regular Review

Development Victoria supports a workplace culture where the making of public interest disclosures is valued by the organisation, and the right of any individual to make a public interest disclosure taken seriously.

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4. Alternatives to making a public interest disclosure

This policy is designed to complement usual methods of submitting complaints to Development Victoria.

Employees are encouraged to raise matters with their supervisors and managers at any time. Members of the public are encouraged to use Development Victoria's feedback processes to communicate complaints or concerns with services provided. This can be done through Development Victoria's website (www.development.vic.gov.au) by using the feedback form which can be found under the 'Contact Us' link at the bottom of the webpage.

Alternatively, a complaint may be made directly to Development Victoria's CEO in writing addressed to:

*Chief Executive Officer
Development Victoria
Level 9, 8 Exhibition Street
Melbourne VIC 3000*

5. Related Documentation

Procedures

- Making and Handling Public Interest Disclosures Procedure

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