

NARRANDERA SHIRE
COUNCIL PUBLIC INTEREST
DISCLOSURES ACT
ANNUAL REPORT
1 JULY 2013 – 30 JUNE 2014



NARRANDERA SHIRE COUNCIL

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1. Background

The Narrandera Shire 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 report is for the period 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014.

Statistical Information

Detail required by clause 4(2)(a) – (c) of the PID Regulation, is shown as per the following table:

	1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014
Number of public officials who made PIDs	Nil
Number of PIDs received	Nil
Of PIDs received, number primarily about:	Nil
Corrupt Conduct	Nil
Maladministration	Nil
Serious and substantial waste of local government money	Nil
Government Information contravention	Nil
Local Government pecuniary interest convention	Nil
Number of PIDs finalised	Nil

Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy (clause 4(2)(d) -PID Regulation)

Council's current Public Interest Disclosures Internal Reporting Policy and Internal Reporting system was adopted in August 2011 and is based on the NSW Ombudsman's model internal reporting policy for local government.

Council's Public Interest Disclosure Reporting Policy is attached to this annual report. Please note that Council is currently undertaking a review of all its policies, of which, the Public Interest Internal Reporting Policy will be included and updated in particular with any contact details that have changed since its adoption.

Staff Awareness of Public Interest Disclosures Policy (clause 4(2)(e) -PID Regulation)

All staff, including Councillors, at the time undertook refresher training and information on the PID in 27 March 2014. This training was conducted by a representative of the Ombudsman's Office. The need for any further refresher training courses for staff will continue to be monitored. Council thanks the Ombudsman's Office for the availability of this training.

Council in meeting its obligations for staff awareness have:

- Included the Public Interest Disclosures Policy Internal Reporting Policy on the Intranet;
- The Public Interest Disclosures Policy Internal Reporting Policy is provided and explained as part of staff induction for new staff on commencement;
- Provided information to staff when PID training is being conducted in our region;
- All of staff refresher training conducted by the Ombudsman's Office in March 2014;
- Placement of Public Interest Disclosure Information on Bulletin Boards.