# **Whistleblower Protection Policy**

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#### 1 Policy purpose and application

Symphony Infrastructure Partners Pty Limited and its related bodies corporate (as defined in the *Corporations Act* 2001 (Cth) (**Symphony**) are committed to fostering a culture of compliance, ethical behaviour and good corporate governance. Symphony values extreme ownership, one team with one mission and wishes to encourage a culture where officers, employees or contractors do not suffer detriment because they report potential misconduct concerns. This policy has been adopted to provide a safe and confidential environment for people to raise those concerns without fear of reprisal.

This policy sets out:

- when you will be protected for speaking up about wrongdoing;
- the protections you will have if you speak up; and
- how disclosures made under this policy will be handled by Symphony.

All officers, employees and contractors of Symphony, wherever they are based, must comply with this policy.

This policy is also available on the following Symphony websites:

symphonyinfra.com.au

Ihindustries.com.au

Solasinfra.com.au

art-group.com.aucatalpagroup.com.au

clutch.com.au

cowellelectric.com.au

energy3.nz

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This policy also protects those who are entitled to whistleblower protection under the Australian whistleblower laws (see section 8 of this policy).

#### 2 Who is protected under this policy?

You will be protected under this policy if:

- you are one of the individuals set out in section 3;
- you disclose information about the type of matters set out in section 4; and
- you disclose that information:
  - internally to one of the persons set out in section 5; or
  - externally to one of the persons set out in section 8.

#### 3 Who may make a protected disclosure?

You may make a disclosure that qualifies for protection under the Australian whistleblower laws if you are or were:

- an officer or employee of Symphony, including permanent, part-time, fixedterm or temporary employees or interns, and secondees;
- a contractor or supplier of goods and services to Symphony (whether paid or unpaid), including their employees (for example, consultants, service providers and business partners), including an employee of such a contractor or supplier; or
- an associate of Symphony; or
- a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, spouse or dependent of any of the above.

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#### 4 What may a protected disclosure be about?

Disclosures do not have to be about breaking the law.

Disclosures may be about misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances in relation to Symphony (including by a Symphony officer or employee) where you have reasonable grounds to suspect that misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances has occurred or is occurring in relation to Symphony.

Disclosures **solely** about a personal work-related grievance are **not** covered by this policy and do **not** qualify for protection under the Australian whistleblower laws unless they also relate to any detriment or threat of detriment by reason of you making or being suspected of making a protected disclosure (see section 7.3 for examples of "detriment").

#### 4.1 Examples of disclosable matters

Some examples of matters that qualify for protection under the Australian whistleblower laws are:

- conduct that amounts to a criminal offence or contravention of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth) or Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001 (Cth);
- conduct that is a Commonwealth criminal offence punishable by more than
   12 months imprisonment;
- illegal conduct, such as theft, dealing in, or use of, illicit drugs, actual or threatened violence, corruption, bribery, criminal damage to property or breaches of work health and safety laws;
- fraud, money laundering or misappropriation of funds;
- negligence, default, breach of trust or breach of duty;

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- any conduct that may indicate a systemic issue in relation to Symphony;
- conduct relating to business behaviours and practices that may cause consumer harm;
- conduct that represents a danger to the public or the financial system;
- information that indicates a significant risk to public safety or the stability of, or confidence in, the financial system;
- misconduct in relation to Symphony's tax affairs; or
- engaging in or threatening to engage in detrimental conduct against a person who has made a disclosure or is believed or suspected to have made, or be planning to make, a disclosure.

#### 4.2 Personal work-related grievances

A personal work-related grievance means a grievance about any matter in relation to your employment or former employment that has, or tends to have, implications only for you personally. Examples of a personal work-related grievance include (but are not limited to):

- an interpersonal conflict between you and another employee;
- a decision that does not involve a breach of workplace laws (for example,
   Symphony not agreeing to cash out annual leave);
- a decision about your engagement, transfer or promotion;
- a decision about your terms and conditions of engagement, payroll or remuneration (for example, being unhappy about a pay review); or
- a decision to suspend or terminate your engagement, or otherwise discipline you.

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A work-related grievance does not qualify as a whistleblowing disclosure unless it also relates to a breach of laws, is part of a report regarding misconduct or a danger to the public or where you have suffered detriment because you have made, or it is suspected that you have made or might make, a protected disclosure. If your disclosure is a solely personal work-related grievance that does not qualify as a whistleblowing disclosure, you should make it in accordance with Symphony's relevant Human Resources policy or procedure. All such grievances should be raised with your direct supervisor or manager. If the issue is related to your supervisor or manager, the grievance should be escalated to Human Resources for further resolution. If the matter remains unresolved or involves serious concerns such as harassment or discrimination, it should be escalated to Human Resources. All concerns will be handled confidentially and in accordance with company policy and procedure to ensure a fair and respectful workplace.

#### 4.3 Reasonable grounds to make the disclosure

You may still qualify for protection if your disclosure turns out to be incorrect, but you must have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the information you are disclosing concerns misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances in relation to Symphony.

A disclosure made without reasonable grounds (such as where you know it to be false) may amount to misconduct and be subject to disciplinary action.

#### 5 Who may receive a protected disclosure?

All the people listed in this section may receive disclosures that qualify for protection under the Australian whistleblower laws. However, we encourage you to make your disclosure to our dedicated Whistleblower Protection Officers or Your Call, which is an independent and confidential external service provider engaged by Symphony, the details of which are set out below.

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#### 5.1 Whistleblower Protection Officers

Whistleblower Protection Officer 1

CEO Lighthouse Industries

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**Whistleblower Protection Officer 2** 

- CEO Solas Infrastructure

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Richard.Lowe@solasinfra.com.au

Mail: Suite 6, Level 27, Governor Macquarie Tower, One Farrer Place,

Sydney NSW 2000

Note: If you are uncomfortable making a disclosure to either of the above nominated Whistleblower Protection Officers, we encourage you to use the Your Call external reporting process below, which allows you to nominate an alternative officer.

Call

External Reporting Process - Your Telephone: 1300 790 228 (within

Australia) 7am – midnight AEST,

**Business Days** 

(More information on how external

reports to Your Call are handled is

set out in section 5.3)

Telephone: 0800 123 508 (within New

Zealand)

Report online via website:

www.yourcall.com.au/symphonyinfra

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Symphony may update the details of the Whistleblower Protection Officers set out above from time to time provided that they are 'eligible recipients' as defined in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and provided that any such updates are notified to the Board or its delegated committee at or before its next meeting.

#### 5.2 Other eligible recipients

If you prefer, you may instead make a disclosure to the following people:

- any member of our Executive Leadership Team;
- any other officer (which includes a director or company secretary) or senior manager of Symphony;
- an internal or external auditor<sup>1</sup> (including a member of an audit team conducting an audit on Symphony); or
- Symphony's registered tax agent or BAS agent<sup>2</sup>, if the disclosure concerns Symphony's tax affairs or the tax affairs of an associate of Symphony, or an officer or employee at Symphony who has functions or duties relating to its tax affairs and who you consider may be assisted in their role by knowing that information.

If you make a disclosure other than as an external disclosure to Your Call, please inform the recipient that you are making a disclosure under this policy.

#### 5.3 How external disclosures made via Your Call are handled

If you elect to make your disclosure to Your Call, you can:

- make your report anonymously or consent to Your Call sharing your identity
- securely upload any relevant documentation or material that you wish to provide

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Symphony's main tax agent is Alvarez & Marsal].

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Symphony's external auditor is [Ernst & Young/ Deloitte [TBC].

 remain in contact with Symphony and receive updates about the handling of your report via Your Call's online message board

With your consent, your disclosure will be provided to Symphony's nominated Whistleblower Protection Officers set out above so that it can be managed in accordance with this policy. If you choose to remain anonymous, your identity will not be provided by Your Call to Symphony without your consent. Your Call will not investigate your disclosure. The disclosure will be investigated in accordance with section 9 of this policy.

#### **Your Call National Relay Service**

If you are deaf, or have a hearing or speech impairment, you can contact Your Call online or through the National Relay Service at <a href="https://www.relayservice.gov.au">www.relayservice.gov.au</a> and requesting Your Call's hotline 1300 790 228.

If you have difficulty speaking or understanding English, Your Call can be contacted through the <u>Translating and Interpreting Service</u> (TIS) <u>131 450</u> and asking for Your Call on 1300 790 228.

#### 6 How may a protected disclosure be made?

You may make a disclosure at any time to the people identified in section 5 in person, by email or by hand.

An example form for making a disclosure is attached to this policy and is also available at www.symphonyinfra.com.au.

If you make a disclosure from or to a Symphony email address, your email may be accessed by certain people within our IT department in accordance with Symphony's policies. If you are concerned about those limited circumstances in which your email might be accessed, you may prefer to make your disclosure verbally or by mail.

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You may make your disclosure anonymously (and stay anonymous throughout and after any investigation) and still qualify for protection under the Australian whistleblower laws.

You may wish to obtain independent legal advice before making a disclosure. That communication with your legal adviser will also be protected under the Australian whistleblower laws.

#### 7 Legal protections for disclosers

#### 7.1 Confidentiality and secure record-keeping

Everyone involved in an investigation must take all reasonable steps to reduce the risk that a discloser will be identified.

We will do this by:

- obscuring your name and identifying features from any internal reporting about your disclosure (unless you agree for your identity to be known);
- referring to you in a gender-neutral context (unless you agree for your identity to be known);
- where possible, contacting you to help identify certain aspects of your disclosure that could inadvertently identify you;
- engaging qualified staff to handle and investigate disclosures;
- storing all material relating to disclosures securely;
- limiting access to all information to those directly involved in handling and investigating the disclosure; and
- ensuring that anyone who is involved in handling and investigating your disclosure is aware of the confidentiality requirements.

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You may lodge a complaint to a regulatory body, such as the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**); the Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority (**APRA**); or the Australian Taxation Office (**ATO**), if you believe that your confidentiality has been breached.

#### Identity protections and exceptions

If you make a protected disclosure, it is illegal for anyone to identify you or disclose any information that is likely to lead to you being identified, unless:

- it is not possible to investigate the disclosure without disclosing information that might identify you (but all reasonable steps must be taken to protect your identity);
- it is necessary to obtain legal advice about your disclosure and the whistleblower laws, in which case, we can pass the information on to an internal or external lawyer;
- we need to disclose the information to the Australian Federal Police; ASIC, APRA or the ATO, if the disclosure concerns Symphony's tax affairs or the tax affairs of an associate of Symphony; or
- you consent to that disclosure.

#### 7.2 Provision of identity to a court or tribunal

No-one at Symphony may disclose or produce to a court or tribunal any information or documents which disclose your identity (or information likely to lead to your identification) without seeking legal advice.

If you make a protected disclosure and become aware that a court or tribunal has requested disclosure of your identity or production of documents containing your identity (or information likely to lead to your identification), you may apply to the court or tribunal for an order protecting your identity.

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#### 7.3 Protection from detriment

We are committed to protecting people who make disclosures under this policy.

It is against the law for anyone at Symphony (including any officers, employees or contractors) to cause or threaten any detriment to any person because that person:

- is or proposes to make a disclosure under this policy or the Australian whistleblower laws; or
- is suspected or believed to have made a disclosure under this policy.

"Detriment" includes (but is not limited to):

- dismissal of an employee;
- injury of an employee in their employment;
- alteration of an employee's position or duties to their disadvantage;
- discrimination, harassment or intimidation;
- harm or injury including psychological harm, damage to property, reputation or financial position;
- taking action against a person (including any disciplinary action or imposing a liability) for making a disclosure; or
- threats of any of the above.

We can take a number of steps to protect people from detriment. For example, this may include:

- monitoring and managing the behaviour of other employees;
- implementing investigation processes where appropriate;

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- taking disciplinary action where appropriate for conduct that breaches the confidentiality and detriment requirements under this policy;
- allowing a person to perform their duties from a different location; and/or
- providing support services referred to in section 10.

However, we are entitled to take steps that:

- are reasonably necessary to protect you from detriment (for example, moving you to another office to protect you from detriment if you have made a disclosure about your immediate work area); or
- relate to managing unsatisfactory work performance in line with Symphony's performance management framework.

You may seek independent legal advice or contact regulatory bodies, such as ASIC, APRA or the ATO, if you believe you have suffered detriment because of your disclosure.

#### 7.4 Protection from civil, criminal and administrative liability

If you make a protected disclosure, you will also be protected from any of the following in relation to your disclosure:

- civil liability for example, any legal action against you for breach of an employment contract, duty of confidentiality or another contractual obligation;
- criminal liability for example, prosecution for unlawfully releasing information or unlawfully using your disclosure against you in a prosecution; and
- administrative liability for example, disciplinary action for making a disclosure.

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However, you may be liable for any misconduct that you have engaged in that is revealed by your disclosure (or revealed by an investigation following your disclosure).

#### 7.5 Compensation and other remedies

You may seek compensation and other remedies through the courts if:

- you suffer loss, damage or injury because of a disclosure; and
- we failed to take reasonable precautions and exercise due diligence to prevent detrimental conduct.

We encourage you to seek independent legal advice if you wish to seek compensation or remedies in court.

#### 8 How this policy interacts with whistleblower laws

#### 8.1 Australian whistleblower laws

By making a disclosure in accordance with this policy, you may be protected under the Australian whistleblower laws if the type of matter you disclose is protected by those laws.

While this policy principally deals with internal disclosures, the protections afforded by the Australian whistleblower laws (set out in section 7) also include some types of disclosure made to external parties, such as:

- legal representatives, to obtain advice or representation about the Australian whistleblower laws;
- ASIC, APRA or the ATO; or
- MPs or journalists, where you have reasonable grounds to believe that
  making the further disclosure would be in the public interest or the
  information concerns a substantial and imminent danger to the health or
  safety to one or more persons or to the natural environment, but only if:

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- you previously made a disclosure of that information to either ASIC,
   APRA or another Commonwealth body prescribed by regulation; and
- you notified that body in writing of your intention to disclose to an MP or journalist (where, for public interest disclosures, at least 90 days must first have passed since your previous disclosure before this notice may be given).

It is important you understand strict criteria apply and you should obtain independent legal advice before making a disclosure to an MP or journalist.

For more information about the Australian whistleblower laws (including how to make a disclosure directly to ASIC or the ATO), see the information available on the <u>ASIC</u> website (including <u>Information Sheet 239</u> *How ASIC handles whistleblower reports* and <u>Information Sheet 247</u> *Company officer obligations under the whistleblower protection provisions*) and the <u>ATO</u> website.

#### 8.2 Whistleblower laws outside Australia

You may make a disclosure regardless of where you are or where the conduct is occurring provided the conduct arises in connection with Symphony's Australian operations or the operations of its Australian incorporated entities (including outside Australia, where applicable).

#### 9 Investigations of disclosures under this policy

#### 9.1 Investigation process

When you make a disclosure internally under this policy, your disclosure will typically be investigated as follows and by maintaining confidentiality in accordance with section 7.1. This process may vary in Symphony's absolute discretion depending on the nature of your disclosure.

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#### STEP 1

The person who receives your disclosure will provide the information to the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) of the Board. The Chair of the ARC may also provide the information to a Whistleblower Protection Officer. If the disclosure is about a Whistleblower Protection Officer, then the information will be provided to a different Whistleblower Protection Officer. The information will be provided as soon as practicable, ensuring your identity is protected, unless you have consented otherwise.

#### STEP 2

The Chair of the ARC or the Whistleblower Protection Officer will determine whether your disclosure is covered by this policy, if a formal, in-depth investigation is required and whether legal advice is required.

If an investigation is required, the Chair of the ARC or the Whistleblower Protection Officer will determine whether the investigation of your disclosure should be conducted internally or externally and appoint an investigator with no personal interest in the matter. The Chair of the ARC or the Whistleblower Protection Officer may consider an external investigation is appropriate to ensure fairness and independence or because specialist skills or expertise are required.

#### STEP 3

The investigator(s) will conduct the investigation in an objective and fair manner, ensuring that they give any employee who is mentioned in the disclosure an opportunity to respond to the allegations prior to any adverse findings being made against them. Those employees are also entitled to access the support services referred to in section 10.

If you can be contacted (including through anonymous channels), we will give you regular updates on the status of the

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investigation as appropriate, with the frequency and timing of such updates depending on the nature of your disclosure.

The Chair of the ARC and the Whistleblower Protection Officer will consider how you will be protected and supported during and after the investigation.

#### STEP 4

The outcome of the investigation will be reported to the Board or a committee or delegate of the board (protecting your identity, if applicable) and may, if the Chair of the ARC or the Whistleblower Protection Officer considers appropriate, be shared with you and any persons affected by the disclosure as considered appropriate by the Chair of the ARC or the Whistleblower Protection Officer.

Appropriate records and documentation for each step in the process will be maintained by the investigator.

We encourage you to raise any concerns you have about the investigation of your disclosure (including breach of confidentiality) with the Chair of the ARC, the Whistleblower Protection Officer or the person to whom you made your disclosure.

#### 9.2 Duration of investigation

We will aim to conclude the investigations within two months of receiving your disclosure. But that time may vary depending on the nature of your disclosure.

#### 9.3 Symphony may require further information to investigate disclosures

We may not be able to undertake an investigation if we are not able to contact you or receive additional information from you to fully investigate your disclosure. If you have made your disclosure anonymously, we suggest you maintain ongoing two-way communication with us, so we may ask follow-up questions or provide feedback. You may refuse to answer questions that you feel may reveal your identity at any time.

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# 9.4 Investigation will be conducted in accordance with confidentiality protections

Subject to the exceptions allowed under section 7.1 of this policy or otherwise by law, the identity of a discloser (or information that is likely to lead to their identity becoming known) must be kept confidential at all times during and after the investigation (including in any reporting to the Board or a committee or delegate of the board or to any persons affected).

#### 10 Support and practical protections

Symphony is committed to protecting, supporting and monitoring the welfare of anyone who makes a disclosure. This includes risk assessment of any potential detriment, work adjustment considerations and potentially additional support services. The Whistleblower Protection Officer or another appropriate neutral party will be assigned to monitor and check in with anyone who makes a disclosure, identify new risks or areas of support and integrate this into the protection and any other existing support processes.

#### 11 Board reporting

A status report on all active whistleblower matters will be a standing agenda item at each meeting of the ARC (whilst maintaining confidentiality in accordance with section 7.1).

The Chair of the ARC will update the Board on all active whistleblower matters at each ARC Board update (whilst maintaining confidentiality in accordance with section 7.1).

The reports on all active whistleblower matters at the meetings of the ARC and the Board may include information on:

• the number and nature of disclosures made in the last quarter (for example, by who, who to and matter type);

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- how disclosures were made;
- the status of any investigations underway;
- any actions taken in relation to a disclosure;
- the frequency of communications with disclosers;
- the outcomes of completed investigations; and
- the timeframes for responding to and investigating disclosures.

The Board and the ARC will also be informed of any material incidents reported under this policy.

#### 12 Training

Our Whistleblower Protection Officers and all eligible recipients of disclosures must attend compulsory training organised by Symphony on our processes and procedures for receiving and handling disclosures made under this policy, including training on confidentiality and the prohibitions against detrimental conduct.

We will also inform our external eligible recipients (for example, our auditor and tax agent) about their obligations under the Australian whistleblower laws.

Our employees must attend compulsory training on our whistleblower program which will include information on how to make a disclosure, what the disclosure may be about, to whom a disclosure may be made, the protections and support available and when further information or independent legal advice might be sought.

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#### 13 Non-compliance with this policy

Any breach of this policy by any officer, employee or contractor of Symphony will be taken seriously by us and may be the subject of a separate investigation and/or disciplinary action.

A breach of this policy may also amount to a civil or criminal contravention under the applicable whistleblower laws, giving rise to significant penalties.

We encourage you to raise any concerns about non-compliance with this policy with the Whistleblower Protection Officers in the first instance. You may also lodge any concerns with ASIC, APRA or the ATO for investigation.

#### 14 Policy review

This policy must be reviewed by the Board or its delegated committee with the assistance of the Whistleblower Protection Officers at least every two years to ensure it is operating effectively. Any recommended changes must be approved by the Board or its delegated committee.

The CEO and Company Secretary of Symphony are each authorised to make administrative and non-material amendments to this policy provided that any such amendments are notified to the Board or its delegated committee at or before its next meeting.

Symphony will ensure any updates to this policy, its processes and procedures following a review are widely disseminated to, and easily accessible by, individuals covered by this policy. Where necessary, additional training will be provided.

#### 15 Further information

We encourage you to contact our Whistleblower Protection Officers if you have any questions about this policy including what it covers and how disclosures will be handled.

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#### **Optional – Disclosure Form**

Symphony Infrastructure Partners Pty Limited and its related bodies corporate (**Symphony**) are committed to fostering a culture of compliance, ethical behaviour and good corporate governance. Symphony values extreme ownership, one team with one mission and wishes to encourage a culture where officers, employees or contractors do not suffer detriment because they report potential misconduct concerns. Symphony appreciates you taking the time to bring matters of concern to our attention; thank you for speaking up.

This form may be used by anyone who is or was a Symphony officer (including a director or company secretary), employee, contractor or supplier to Symphony (for example, consultants, service providers and business partners) or an employee of such a contractor or supplier, as well as a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, spouse or dependant of any of these individuals.

This form is part of Symphony's whistleblower program and is intended to assist you make a disclosure in relation to Symphony, or an officer or employee of Symphony, under Symphony's Whistleblower Protection Policy.

Use of this form (including provision of all information requested in it) is optional and it is open to you to make your disclosure in another way.

You may provide this form to us by email, post or hand via:

Whistleblower Protection Officer 1

- CEO Lighthouse Industries

Telephone: 0419 091 357

Email:

Richard.Phillips@lhindustries.com.au

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SECT	SECTION A: CONSENT			
	I consent to my identity being shared in relation to this disclosure; OR			
I wish for my identity to remain anonymous				
(If you wish to remain anonymous, you do not need to complete Section Section C)				
	I consent to being contacted	d about my disclosure		
	(If so, please complete Se	(If so, please complete Section C)		
	I wish to receive updates ab	out my disclosure		
	(If so, please complete Se	ction C)		
SECTION B: PERSONAL DETAILS				
Name	Name:			
Addre	ess:			
Location (if applicable):		□ Australia		
	rtment / Team (if			
applie	cable):			
Role	/ Position:			

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SECTION C: CONTACT DETAILS		
Preferred telephone no: (this may be a private number; please include country and area code)		
Preferred email address: (this may be a private email address)		
Preferred contact method: (phone / email / in person)	□ Phone □ Email	
	☐ Mail ☐ In person	
Best time to contact you:		
SECTION D: DISCLOSURE  All questions are optional – however, the more information that you provide, the easier it will be for us to investigate and address your concerns.		

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1	A description of your concerns, including:	
	• Location	
	• Time	
	Persons involved	
	(You are encouraged to include with this disclosure any supporting	
	evidence you may hold – you may use	
	box 7 or a separate page if you run	
	out of space)	
2	How did you become aware of the	
	situation?	

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3	Who was involved in the conduct, including any names, departments and position?	
4	Does anyone else know about the matters you are concerned about?  (If yes, please describe any steps you have taken to report or resolve your concern and the outcome, if applicable)	
5	Do you have any concerns about you, or any other person being discriminated against or unfairly treated because of this disclosure?	

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6	Do you think the reported conduct might happen again?	
7	Please include any other details which you believe are relevant.	

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