



# The Public Interest Disclosure Act – the role of authorised officers

The *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (the PID Act) commenced on 15 January 2014. The new Act makes very significant changes to the way in which most Commonwealth agencies will deal with disclosures of misconduct by public officials, including reports of alleged breaches of the APS Code of Conduct. It is important that managers understand their new obligations under the Act.

This half-day course builds on AGS's half-day general introduction to the PID Act, but that general training is not a pre-requisite for this training course.

This session, presented by Richard Harding, will focus specifically on the key role of the agency's authorised officers under the PID Act. We will look in detail at the authorised officer's functions of:

- providing information to potential disclosers
- receiving PID disclosures directly from disclosers, and from their supervisors
- allocating disclosures inside and outside their agency
- determining that a discloser is a public official

as well as considering issues around the appointment of authorised officers and compliance with the Public Interest Disclosure Standard 2013.

**DATE** Monday 23 March 2015

**TIME** 9 am to 12.30 pm

**VENUE** AGS Melbourne  
Level 21, 200 Queen Street

**COST** \$600 (GST inclusive)

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**PRESENTER**

**Richard Harding**  
*Special Counsel*  
*AGS Dispute Resolution*



Richard is the leader of AGS's national Employment Law Network. He has spent many years advising on the interpretation of Commonwealth legislation. He has worked with a large number of Commonwealth agencies on the implementation of successive major reforms to the Workplace Relations Act over the last 15 years, culminating in the *Fair Work Act 2009*.

Richard advises on the *Public Service Act 1999*, the Regulations, the Public Service Commissioner's Directions and other public employment issues. He is one of AGS's leading experts on the PID Act.



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