General Policy

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES

Intent
The intent of this policy is to define Cairns Regional Council's (Council) obligations, and to affirm Council’s commitment to compliance with the Public Interest Disclosure (PID) requirements of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010 (PID Act).

Principles
Under section 28 of the PID Act, Council is committed to:
- developing, implementing and maintaining a management program for PIDs;
- organisational commitment to encouraging the internal reporting of wrongdoing;
- communication to raise staff awareness about PIDs and Council’s PID procedures; and
- providing a mechanism for regular evaluation and monitoring of the effectiveness of PID policies and procedures.

PIDs are broadly defined in the PID Act as being all information disclosed to a proper authority about a public interest matter referred to pursuant to s12 & s13 of the PID Act.

A PID can be made by any person (pursuant to S12 or the PID Act) about—
- a substantial and specific danger to the health or safety of a person with a disability; or
- the commission of an offence against a provision mentioned in schedule 2 PID Act, if the commission of the offence is or would be a substantial and specific danger to the environment; or
- a contravention of a condition imposed under a provision mentioned in schedule 2 PID Act, if the contravention is or would be a substantial and specific danger to the environment (Schedule 2 of the PID Act specifies particular statutory offences or contraventions involving endangering the environment); or
- the conduct of another person that could, if proved, be a reprisal.

This policy is to remain in force until otherwise determined by Council.

General Manager Responsible for Review: Human Resources & Organisational Change

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