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WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Whistleblowing is based on the principles of Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Expression, such freedoms are expressly protected under international law and accepted wherever democratic governments are in power.

Whistleblowers Protection Legislation has been accepted by the US, Federal and State authorities. The European convention for Human Rights also provides similar protection. Such protection is long overdue in Australia. Scandals implicate all States and the Commonwealth administrations, and the misuse of taxpayer's money runs into millions of dollars.

Whistleblowers Protection Legislation will protect the person who blows-the-whistle from victimisation, harassment and unfair dismissal. It also protects the innocent from any malicious or unsubstantiated accusation.

If you think corruption in Australia needs to be fought and Whistleblowers need protection then please write to us for more detailed information.

Whistleblowers Protection Legislation is urgently needed if we are to " Put Australia First ".

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Whistleblowers Anonymous was founded in Canberra in July 1991, and was borne out of a desire to assist those who had the courage to speak out against waste, mismanagement and corrupt practices.

We believe that Whistleblowers Protection Legislation is needed as a safeguard against any form of retaliation, such as victimisation, harassment and retaliatory discharge.

It is also our belief, that any restriction placed upon a whistleblower going to the media should be removed. Without the Freedom of the Press there can be no democracy.

While no protection for whistleblowers exists, we recommend to those who blow-the-whistle on corrupt practices that they remain in their place of employment and notify us of the situation before they do anything.

We operate a confidential service and have committed ourselves to assist genuine whistleblowers in their desire that justice not only be done, but seen to be done.

John McNicol
President.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

WHISTLEBLOWERS ANONYMOUS

1. To offer support, advice and protection to whistleblowers and potential whistleblowers.
2. To put organisations and authorities on notice that Whistleblowers Anonymous will be offering such support.
3. To increase public awareness of the implications of practices that lead to whistleblowing and to change public attitudes through continuing education.
4. To ensure the passage of effective and appropriate whistleblower protection legislation by Federal, State and Territory governments.
5. To foster and promote research.
6. To encourage all organisations to adopt an appropriate and enforceable code of ethics.
7. To raise funds to be used in furthering these aims.
8. All of the above apply both to the public and private sectors.

SERVICES OFFERED

Whistleblowers anonymous provide

- * Access to legal advice.
- * Access to counselling.
- * Guidance in preparing documents.
- * Seminars, workshops and discussion groups.

Individual consultations strictly confidential.

HOW WE ARE FUNDED

Whistleblowers Anonymous receives no government funding and has no support from any political party.

Funding comes from our membership and private donations. No member of the Board of Management is paid any fees.

BECOMING A SUPPORTER

Membership of Whistleblowers Anonymous requires payment of an annual \$20 subscription. You do not need to be a whistleblower to become a member.

Membership is open to anyone who shares an interest in our aims and objectives.

OUR PUBLICATION

An occasional paper " The Independent " contains articles of interest.