

TASMANIA

**PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES (MEMBERS OF
PARLIAMENT) BILL 2021**

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(Brought in by Rosalie Ellen Woodruff MP)

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002* to require disclosures in relation to members of Parliament to be made to the Ombudsman or Integrity Commission, and to allow disclosures in relation to staff of members of Parliament to be made to the Integrity Commission

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Public Interest Disclosures (Members of Parliament) Act 2021*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002** is referred to as the Principal Act.

*No. 16 of 2002

4. Section 7 amended (Persons to whom disclosures may be made)

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended as follows:

(a) By omitting subsection 4 and substituting the following subsection:

(4) A disclosure that relates to a member of Parliament is to be made the Ombudsman or the Integrity Commission.

(b) By inserting in subsection (5E) “or the Integrity Commission” after “Ombudsman”.

5. Section 15 amended (Certain further information also protected)

Section 15(2) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraphs (a) and (b).

6. Section 23 amended (Offence to reveal confidential information)

Section 23(1)(a) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “the President of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the House of Assembly,”.

7. Part 8 repealed

Part 8 of the Principal Act is repealed.

8. Section 84 amended (Annual report by Ombudsman)

Section 84 of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraph (g).

9. Section 87 amended (Offence to make false disclosure)

Section 87(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting paragraphs (a) and (b).

10. Section 88 amended (Protection of Ombudsman and officers)

Section 88(1) of the Principal Act is amended by omitting “the President of the Legislative Council, the Speaker of the House of Assembly,”.

11. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which all of the provisions of this Act commence.