



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Committee

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# **Improvements recommended for Victoria's whistleblowing regime**

The Victorian Parliament's IBAC Committee has made 22 recommendations to improve Victoria's whistleblowing regime.

In its report presented to Parliament today, the Committee found that a substantial proportion of whistleblowers suffer mistreatment as a result of making a disclosure.

The Committee acknowledged that the *Protected Disclosure Act* meets relevant best-practice principles in many respects, but determined that it falls short in some areas.

"While the Committee does not believe the Act should be repealed, it considers that it should be fine-tuned through selected amendments," said Committee Chair Kim Wells.

"To this end, the Committee has made a number of recommendations covering the law and processes on making, assessing and investigating disclosures; the protection of whistleblowers from reprisals; and the provision of compensation and assistance to whistleblowers," he said.

In its report, the Committee recognised that legal improvements are only part of the answer to improving Victoria's whistleblowing regime.

"Many Victorians depend more on information and education explaining the legislation than on the Act itself," Mr Wells said.

"While some excellent resources for the public and the public sector already exist, there is scope for further improvements, especially with respect to online information about whistleblowing."

The report is the third presented by the IBAC Committee, which provides parliamentary oversight of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) and the Victorian Inspectorate.

The report is available from the Committee's [website](#).

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