



## **Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Conduct of Investigations) Standard 2014**

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I, Colin Neave, Ombudsman, determine the following standard.

Dated 2 July 2014

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Ombudsman

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## **1 Name of standard**

This standard is the *Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Conduct of Investigations) Standard 2014*.

## **2 Commencement**

This standard commences on the day after it is registered.

## **3 Authority**

This standard is determined under section 74 of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*.

## **4 Schedule(s)**

Each instrument that is specified in a Schedule to this instrument is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this instrument has effect according to its terms.

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## Schedule 1—Amendments

### *Public Interest Disclosure Standard 2013*

#### **1 Subsection 8(2)**

Repeal the subsection, substitute:

- (2) Despite subsection (1), if a principal officer is required, when investigating a disclosure, to act in accordance with any rules relating to fraud that are made for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*, this standard will apply only to the extent that it is not inconsistent with those rules.

#### **2 Subsection 8(2) (note 1)**

Repeal the note, substitute:

- Note 1: Subsection 53(4) of the Act requires a principal officer to act in accordance with any rules relating to fraud that are made for the purposes of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* to the extent that an investigation of a disclosure relates to one or more instances of fraud.

#### **3 At the end of the standard**

Add:

## Part 6—Transitional provisions

### **16 Application of amendments made by the *Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Conduct of Investigations) Standard 2014***

Despite the amendments made by Schedule 1 to the *Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Conduct of Investigations) Standard 2014* (the **amendment standard**), section 8 of this standard, as in force immediately before 1 July 2014, continues to apply in relation to an investigation that was not completed before that date.