

Dear Colleague

## Book *now* for PID information sessions

### Places still available on 23 and 29 June

We're getting a great response to our invitation to attend a PID information session on **8, 23 or 29 June 2011**.

Our first session on 8 June is full, but we have **2** places still available on 23 June and **1** place available on 29 June.

Sessions run from 10.00am till 12 noon with morning tea. Please RSVP for **23 or 29 June** to [pid@ombo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pid@ombo.nsw.gov.au) as soon as you can.

These sessions will give you the opportunity to hear about the changes to public interest disclosure, ask questions, network with your colleagues and meet the staff of the PID unit.

The location is the NSW Ombudsman Hearing Rooms on Level 24, HSBC Centre, 580 George Street Sydney.

We are scheduling more information sessions in July, so please let us know if you are interested in attending.

### On our website

[Your Questions Answered](#) - new on our website!

We answer your questions about Public Interest Disclosures.

### Ask Us

Please send your questions to [pid@ombo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pid@ombo.nsw.gov.au) and we will reply in **Your Questions Answered**.

### Visit us

[www.ombo.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ombo.nsw.gov.au) and use the green button.

## Public Interest Disclosure Forum

On 26 May 2011, NSW Ombudsman, **Bruce Barbour**, welcomed guests at a consultation forum to discuss the changes to public interest disclosures.

**Professor A.J. Brown**, leader of the [Whistling While They Work](#) national research project, was the forum facilitator. Deputy Ombudsman, **Chris Wheeler**, and Deputy Ombudsman Police and Compliance Branch, **Linda Waugh**, took part.

The forum included representatives from investigation and oversight authorities, unions, special interest groups and the public sector agencies which were part of the *Whistling While They Work* project.

Our guests reviewed and commented on the draft *Objectives of the NSW Ombudsman Public Interest Disclosures Function* and the draft *Model Public Interest Disclosures Policy for Principal Departments*.

We value the contributions made by participants at the consultation forum and we will be considering all comments as we develop the final versions of our Objectives and the Model Policy. Both these documents will be available by 30 June 2011.

Thank you to all forum participants who shared their views and suggestions so generously with the staff of the PID unit.

We have a question for **you...**

**"What is the best way for public sector agencies to provide information to their staff about how to make a public interest disclosure?"**

Please send your answers to [pid@ombo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pid@ombo.nsw.gov.au).

We welcome all your suggestions and comments.

### Stop Press

We welcome the new Manager of our PID unit.

**Chris O'Mallon** started on 30 May 2011. He is looking forward to meeting you and to the challenge of delivering our [timeline of changes](#).

You can ring **Chris** on 9265 0016 or email to [comallon@ombo.nsw.gov.au](mailto:comallon@ombo.nsw.gov.au).