

Our ref: PID-2020-400006

11 May 2020

Mr Peter Woolcott AO
Commissioner
Australian Public Service Commission

By email to:

s. 47F

Authorised Officer

PID@apsc.gov.au

Dear Mr Woolcott

Notification of allocation – section 44(1) of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*

I am writing to notify you of our decision to allocate an internal public interest disclosure to the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) for handling under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* (the PID Act).

On 7 May 2020, an Authorised Officer of the APSC consented to the allocation.

Please note that the information below is based solely on that provided by the discloser and was assessed by this Office under section 26 of the PID Act as an internal public interest disclosure.

It is the responsibility of your agency to determine how this matter will be handled from this point. However we note that this allocation decision has been made with reference to the broad powers available to consider the matter by virtue of an allocation under the PID Act and under the *Public Service Act 1999* (PS Act) (in particular s 41(2)(o)).

Discloser's Details

The discloser is anonymous, however can be contacted using the following email address.

- Email: s. 47F

Information disclosed

Separately, I will be providing to the APSC all information provided by the discloser. Due to file size restrictions, the supporting documentation will be sent in three email messages.

Suspected disclosable conduct identified

The allegations generally relate to s. 47E, s. 47F recruitment processes and decisions at the Federal Court Statutory Agency (FCSA). The brief summary below is not intended to be relied upon as a full account of the disclosure.

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If you have any questions about this matter, you may contact me by return email.
Alternatively, if you wish to discuss, you may contact PID Director s. 47F on
s. 47F.

Yours sincerely

s. 47F

Authorised Officer
Public Interest Disclosure Team
Commonwealth Ombudsman

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