



SAFEGUARD OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the following legislation, which precludes you from divulging official information.

Public Service Regulations 1999

The purpose of the Regulations is to make necessary or appropriate provisions in relation to a range of matters for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of the Public Service Act 1999. These regulations are available in full on the Internet.

PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATIONS 1999

REGULATION 2.1 Duty not to disclose information (Act s 13)

For the purposes of subsection 13 (13) of the Act, an APS employee must not, except in the course of his or her duties as an APS employee or with the Agency Head's express authority, give or disclose, directly or indirectly, to any person any information about public business or anything of which the employee has official knowledge.

Note Under s 70 of the *Crimes Act 1914*, it is an offence for an APS employee to publish or communicate the information.

Crimes Act 1914

The Act provides criminal penalties for a range of actions (such as fraud, theft, bribery, browsing a Commonwealth Computer, release of Commonwealth information) that may be committed against the Commonwealth whilst in employment or after employment. This Act is available in full on the Internet.

CRIMES ACT 1914

SECTION 70 Disclosure of information by Commonwealth officers

(1) A person who, being a Commonwealth officer, publishes or communicates, except to some person to whom he is authorized to publish or communicate it, any fact or document which comes to his knowledge, or into his possession, by virtue of being a Commonwealth officer, and which it is his duty not to disclose, shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who, having been a Commonwealth officer, publishes or communicates, without lawful authority or excuse (proof whereof shall lie upon him), any fact or document which came to his knowledge, or into his possession, by virtue of having been a Commonwealth officer, and which, at the time when he ceased to be a Commonwealth officer, it was his duty not to disclose, shall be guilty of an offence.

Penalty: Imprisonment for 2 years.

Note: The term 'Commonwealth Officer' used in section 70 of the *Crimes Act 1914*, includes non-ongoing employees.

I acknowledge that my attention has been directed to Public Service Regulation 2.1 and Section 70 of the Crimes Act 1914.

Signature of Employee

Signature of Witness

Printed Name

Printed Name

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Date

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