



NSW Police Force

Continuous Disclosure Policy Statement

The NSW Police Force is committed to ensuring that information of significant interest to the government and the community of New South Wales is disclosed in a timely and accessible manner

Purpose:

This Continuous Disclosure Policy refers to the disclosure of information to the public that is not already disclosed because of legislative requirements or under agreements between the NSW Police Force and other agencies. It includes making available regular performance information and other matters of significant public interest or concern.

Our commitment is to ensure that the NSW Police Force:

- Promotes community trust and confidence in policing and contributes to sound governance and transparent accountability
- Discloses information including:
 - Policing issues of significant public interest
 - Crime and public safety matters likely to impact on the general public, specific communities or 'at risk' groups
 - Information required to be disclosed by legislation.

The following principles underpin this policy statement:

- Disclosure will be timely and ongoing
- Factors to be considered in disclosing information include the:
 - Nature of the information
 - Extent of public interest
 - Degree of prior disclosure.
- Areas outside the scope of this Continuous Disclosure Policy include:
 - Third party information held by the NSW Police Force, which should be released by another party
 - Requests under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW) (which has its own disclosure regime)
 - Information subject to commercial or NSW Cabinet confidentiality, public interest immunity or other privileges or restrictions
 - Private information about individuals
 - Information which may be defamatory.
- Information will generally be released in writing and may take the form of a media release, web page, brochure, fact sheet, social media post, annual report, or other medium deemed appropriate
- Information will be accompanied by an announcement where appropriate.

This policy statement is consistent with components of good public sector governance contained in the Audit Office of NSW better practice guide: '*Governance Lighthouse – Strategic Early Warning System*'.

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