

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE — DELEGATION TO OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT

Instrument Number 11 of 2021

Made under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013*, subsection 77(1)

1 Name of Instrument

This instrument is Instrument Number 11 of 2021.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day it is made.

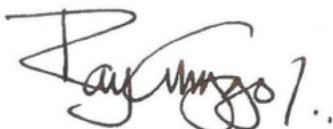
3 Revocation

I revoke Instrument Number 22 of 2020 made on 13 May 2020 and Instrument Number 4 of 2021 made on 10 March 2021.

4 Delegation

I, Ray Griggs AO CSC, Secretary of the Department of Social Services, delegate my functions and powers under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013* specified in column 2 of the Schedule to this instrument to public officials in the Department of Social Services who hold, occupy or perform the duties of any of the following positions:

- Deputy Secretary
- Chief Operating Officer
- Group Manager, Corporate Group
- Chief Counsel
- Deputy Chief Counsel
- Principal Lawyer, Legal Services Group
- Branch Manager, Audit and Assurance Branch
- Director, Audit and Assurance Branch
- Branch Manager, People Services Branch
- Director, People Services Branch.



Ray Griggs AO CSC
Secretary
Department of Social Services

Date: 18.8 2021

SCHEDULE**Functions and powers delegated under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2013***

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Section of the Act	Description of function or power
1.	47(1)	Investigating a disclosure if the handling of the disclosure is allocated to the Department of Social Services
2.	48(1)	Deciding not to investigate disclosures, or (if the investigation has started) not to investigate the disclosure further
3.	50	Informing the discloser of the information required by section 50
4.	50A	Informing the Ombudsman of a decision not to investigate the disclosure and of the reasons for the decision
5.	51(1)	On completing an investigation, preparing a report of the investigation
6.	51(4)	Providing a copy of the investigation report to the discloser and deleting any material identified in subsection 51(5)
7.	52(3)	Applying to the Ombudsman to extend or further extend the 90-day period by an additional period to complete the investigation
8.	52(5)	Informing the discloser of the progress of the investigation if the 90-day period is extended or further extended
9.	53(1) and 53(2)	Conducting an investigation as the principal officer thinks fit
10.	54	Adopting the findings of another investigation
11.	56	Disclosing information to a member of the Australian police force
12.	59(3)	Taking reasonable steps to: • protect public officials who belong to the Department of Social Services from detriment, or threats of detriment in

		relation to public interest disclosures by those public officials; and ensure that public officials who belong to the Department of Social Services are aware of the identity of each authorised officer of the Department of Social Services
13.	59(4)	Ensuring that appropriate action is taken in response to recommendations made in a report of the investigation
14.	76(3)	Giving the Ombudsman such information and assistance as the Ombudsman reasonably requires in relation to the preparation of a report under section 76 of the Act