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Dear Review Team,





Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Public Interest Disclosure (PID) Act review. Powerlink is supportive of the review and agrees the objects of the PID Act are valid and are being achieved. However given the limited interactions Powerlink has had with the PID process Powerlink will not be making a formal submission at this time.

Nevertheless, we have reviewed the issues paper and Powerlink's experience is that as Government Owned Corporations (GOCs) we are also governed by the whistleblower protections in the Corporations Act (Cth) 2001. Our experience is that the whistleblowing process is effective in covering the field in relation to these types of complaints. As the PID processes for GOCs differs to public sector entities and we kindly request that the review consider the practical interactions between the PID regime and Commonwealth regime under the Corporations Act (Cth) 2001 for any amendments it may recommend to amend the PID Act. We suggest that it is not necessary for GOCs to be retained as a category of disclosers in the PID regime as the Commonwealth regime adequately provides whistleblower protections. It is resource intensive and effectively duplicates work for Powerlink as a GOC to maintain both the PID and Corporations Law "whistleblower" complaint management processes.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information from us, please let me know.

Regards,  
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