# Staff Code of Conduct

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### Purpose

The Code of Conduct is the guidance that determines how we put our Landcom values into action to achieve our strategic direction. It sets the expectation that everyone who works for or on behalf of Landcom demonstrates the highest standards of conduct and ethics in the performance of our duties.

## Application

#### This Staff Code of Conduct applies to:

- All Landcom permanent and temporary employees, secondees and contingent workers engaged by Landcom (Staff);
- Landcom Directors;

- Agency personnel engaged to perform work for, or on behalf of, Landcom; and
- Work experience students and volunteers.

## Definitions

Term	Definition	
Board	means the Board of Landcom	
CEO	means the Chief Executive Officer	
Code, the Code	means this Staff Code of Conduct	
Conflict of Interest	means circumstances in which your personal interests may conflict or appear to conflict with your public duty and/or Landcom's interests. It also exists when a reasonable person might perceive that your personal interests could be favoured over your public duties and/or Landcom's interests and your competing loyalties influence you (consciously or otherwise) to pursue a personal benefit for you, your friends, your family or any other parties. In practice, this requires a connection or overlap between those interests and duties	
Credit Card	purchasing cards issued by Landcom	
Directors	means a Director on the Board of Landcom	
EGM	means Executive General Manager	
ExCo	means the Executive Committee of Landcom	
GIPA Act	is the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW)	
HSE	means Health, Safety & Environment	
Intellectual Property	means work produced in the course of employment with Landcom which is Intellectual Property owned by Landcom. This includes written works, the creation of templates, plans, concepts or ideas, training materials, manuals, brochures or other subject matter (including any software, products and services)	

Key Management Personnel	means Staff identified as an Officer of Landcom for the purposes of annually completing a Related Party Declaration	
Management	collectively means Staff employed to assist the CEO with the day to day management of Landcom	
NSW Privacy Legislation	means the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW)	
Our or ours	means Landcom and what belongs to, or is unique to our organisation	
People Manager	means the member of Staff you report directly to	
Policy/Policies	refers to a Landcom policy document and any supporting documents including but not limited to plans, procedures or frameworks, all sitting within Landcom's policy framework	
PID Act	means Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994	
Staff	includes the Board, the CEO, all permanent and temporary employees and contingent workers engaged by Landcom. This term is used for the purposes of this Policy	
We	means Landcom collectively as a corporation	
WHS	means Work, Health & Safety	
You or you	means Staff and others to whom the Code applies	

## About the Staff Code of Conduct

The Staff Code of Conduct is guided by our Landcom values and behaviours.



## Message from the Chief Executive Officer

As the NSW Government's land and property developer, doing things right is not optional at Landcom – it is the way we conduct business. For this reason, we set the bar high in the way we approach our work, and we measure everything we do against the highest possible standards of ethical conduct.

The Staff Code of Conduct outlines the commitments you make when you agree to work for or on behalf of Landcom.

It guides you to navigate the framework of policies, legislation, principles, values & behaviours and practices so you always make the best decision.

Being a valued member of the Landcom team you have a personal responsibility to incorporate the principles of the Code and our culture into your work. Being part of the team also means you have support around you - we are all responsible for enabling each other to put these principles into practice.

This Code is issued with the full support of the Landcom Board and ExCo, who take adherence to the Code very seriously. We rely on all Landcom Staff to be diligent and committed to upholding the Code. This includes addressing any concerns or violations as soon as they arise, without exception. It also means maintaining an environment which enables people to raise concerns without fear of retribution. We will not tolerate any negativity towards Staff who raise legitimate compliance concerns in good faith.

On behalf of our Board and ExCo, I thank you for upholding the Code and using it to build on our strong reputation.



Alexander Wendler Chief Executive Officer

## Why do we need a Code of Conduct?

The Code of Conduct is one of the ways we put our Landcom values into action to achieve Our Strategic Directions. It sets the expectation that everyone who works for or on behalf of Landcom demonstrates high standards of conduct and ethics in the performance of our duties.

Working in conjunction with Landcom's policy framework, the Code guides you through the factors you need to consider in how you approach your work. It is important that you understand and follow the Code to preserve our reputation for ethical and principled behaviour.





Staff site tour 2022 | Prince Henry at Little Bay

## What is expected?

#### What is expected of our Staff?

As part of the Landcom team, public trust in Landcom can be affected by your actions at work and, in certain circumstances, by your conduct outside the workplace. You are therefore responsible for reading and understanding the Code, the associated policies and all specified mandatory training. You are also responsible for applying the principles and spirit of the Code and Policy framework.

The Code is a great resource, but it doesn't cover every situation you may face. It's important that you use good judgment in everything you do. Always ask for help from your People Manager if you are unsure of what behaviour or action is expected.

For Staff, failure to follow the Code may result in a range of disciplinary action, including termination of employment.

### What is expected of our ExCo and People Managers?

If you are a member of ExCo or a People Manager, you have the additional responsibility of:

- Ensuring our people have been issued with the Code;
- Helping our people understand and follow their responsibilities under the Code and our Policy framework;
- Ensuring Staff complete and understand the agreed mandatory training encompassing standards of behaviour, legislation, policies and processes;
- Creating an environment that reinforces ethical conduct and helps our people feel comfortable to raise concerns without fear of retaliation;
- Evaluating Staff conduct in relation to the Code and other company policies;
- Taking action to prevent and stop violations of the Code, our Policies and the law; and
- Supporting and enabling the escalation of issues through the relevant channels where necessary.



All staff photo | 2021

If you are approached with a question or concern related to the Code listen carefully, please give the person your complete attention, and answer any questions you can. If you can't provide an immediate answer, let the person know you will seek guidance and when you will come back to them with an answer.

If anyone raises a concern that may require investigation under the Code, seek guidance from your People & Culture Business Partner, the Legal Team or the EGM Legal & Compliance. For additional assistance or guidance, you can also refer to the relevant Landcom Policy on the Hub.

Failure to undertake any responsibilities outlined in the Code can result in disciplinary action, including termination of employment or termination of your relationship with Landcom.

### What if I have a Code-related question or concern?

If you have a question or concern, contact your People Manager, the EGM Legal & Compliance or your People & Culture Business Partner.

Landcom prohibits retaliation against any person who reports or participates in an investigation of a possible violation of the Code, Policies, or the law. If you believe you are being retaliated against, please contact your People Manager or your People & Culture Business Partner.



### **Our guiding principles**

The Code operates on six guiding principles that inform every decision and action we take:

- **1.** We act with honesty and integrity 4. We respect confidentiality and in everything we do; use information appropriately; 2. We build relationships, 5. We use and manage public reating all others with respect resources economically and and dignity;
- 3. We ensure the safety and wellbeing of ourselves and others;
- efficiently; and
- 6. We hold each other accountable to the Code.

#### We act with honesty and integrity in everything we do

The only way to uphold the trust and confidence in Landcom by our shareholders, stakeholders and the general public, is to always act with honesty and integrity while pursuing your personal and business objectives. This includes complying with any relevant legislative, industrial and administrative requirements and any lawful direction made by a person with the authority to give such a direction.

We expect all Staff to be familiar with and abide by all applicable Policies in operation within Landcom. If you are uncertain as to which Policies or laws apply speak with your People Manager. If you are still uncertain, seek help from Landcom's Legal team or the People & Culture team.

### We uphold the highest professional standards in our conduct including:

- Complying with work conditions;
- Complying with Landcom's standards set out in our policies;
- Having clear deliverables and measures in our performance and development plans;
- Treating our staff and others we deal with in a respectful manner;
- Contributing and implementing decisions to the best of our ability; and
- Complying with reasonable requests from your People Manager and those with the appropriate authority.

#### **Conflicts of interest**

Handling actual, potential or reasonably perceived conflicts of interest ethically, transparently and honestly is essential in upholding public trust and confidence in Landcom and the NSW Government. While Landcom is committed to providing a fair, ethical and accountable environment for the conduct of its business, the integrity and fairness of Landcom's decisions and actions can be undermined where conflicts of interest are not identified and appropriately managed.

You may be faced with a conflict of interest if competing loyalties influence you (conscious or otherwise) to pursue a personal benefit for you, your friends, or your family at the expense of Landcom. As a member of the Landcom team, your primary business loyalty lies with Landcom and we expect you to avoid conflicts of interest or creating conflicts of interest for others.

The most likely conflict of interest for our Staff will involve land dealings, engaging of consultants, recruitment and selection of Staff. If you intend to undertake a land deal that in any way relates to Landcom, you must gain the prior written approval of the CEO (or the Board in the case of the CEO) as outlined in in the Handling Conflicts of Interest Policy and any other relevant policy, such as the Staff Purchase Policy.

If a conflict of interest arises, be it actual, potential or reasonably perceived, you need to declare it in line with the Policy at the earliest opportunity. Managing conflicts in accordance with Landcom's Handling Conflicts of Interest Policy will help to ensure that all decisions made on behalf of Landcom lead to the best possible outcomes and reduce the risk of corrupt conduct.

If you are a Director or a Level 1, 2 or 3 Staff member as defined by the Delegations Manual, you must complete an Annual Declarations of Interests and Associations on an annual basis. Directors and Key Management Personnel must also complete a Related Party Declaration annually.

#### **Gifts and benefits**

Receiving gifts, benefits or hospitality may be perceived as having an undue influence on the work we undertake and has the potential to compromise current and future impartial decision making. By complying with the Gifts & Hospitality Policy you minimise this risk.

Most gifts and benefits are intended simply as a memento or a small token of appreciation. However, sometimes a gift or benefit may be offered to influence a government employee, in their capacity as a government employee, in making a decision, or to provide a favour which will advance the interests of the giver, either now or in the future. All gifts and hospitalities received and gifts given must be registered in our gifts and hospitality registers, accessed via the Hub.

If you are offered a bribe (i.e. anything given in order to persuade you to act improperly), you must:

- Refuse it;
- Indicate it is not appropriate, and
- Immediately report the matter in line with the Fraud Control & Corruption Prevention Policy and the Gifts & Hospitality Policy

Any attempt to bribe Landcom and/or the acceptance of a bribe, is corrupt conduct and must be reported. It may also constitute a criminal offence.

#### Volunteering

Getting involved in community affairs through non-profit charitable, social or sporting bodies has many benefits and is something we actively encourage. However, you must only get involved where no real or perceived conflict of interest is involved. In most circumstances, you don't need to seek approval to volunteer outside of work. However, you will need approval from your EGM if volunteering has the potential to conflict with or affect you in performing your official duties, or if Landcom provides funding to the organisation.

#### **External employment**

If you are a permanent Staff member working either full-time or part-time, you must seek approval from the CEO (or the Board in the case of the CEO) to undertake private paid or unpaid employment, consulting work and/or external directorships in addition to your role at Landcom. This includes external employment or consulting work on a temporary, fixed term, or regular basis. The only exception is if you are working as an employee or director for a family company or charitable organisation, unless this creates a real or perceived conflict.

At all times, you must avoid participating in any business activity or employment outside Landcom which could adversely affect performance of your duties, or which may give rise to a real or perceived conflict of interest. This also includes potential conflicts of interest.

When contemplating or accepting a new job offer, you need to be aware of and maintain the terms of employment and related responsibilities relating to the cessation of your employment with Landcom.

#### Participation in political or other activities

You have a right to participate in political and community activities and to pursue private interests, provided that participation does not interfere with your official duties or create a conflict with your duty to serve the Government of the day in a politically neutral manner. If engaging in these activities, consideration is to be given to the Media & Social Media Policy.

In determining the extent of any real or perceived or potential conflicts of interest and how to manage any arising conflict, consideration will be given to the nature of the issue, your role, the extent of your participation, and your public prominence.

In some circumstances, Staff may wish to join external industry bodies as committee members or chairpersons. In those circumstances, you must notify your People Manager and complete a Conflict of Interest Declaration form. This involvement will be assessed by our Legal team.

#### Complying with legislation and policy

Complying with the law and government policy is the right thing to do. Landcom wants to make it easy for every person to do the right thing and embrace a culture where there is no tolerance for wilful or reckless breaches of the law, policies or procedures. However, Landcom also recognises that we operate in a complex legal, policy and process environment where it is not possible for any individual to be an expert in all government requirements.

Subject matter experts have a critical role to play in making information available to ensure we can all do our jobs in a legally compliant way. Subject matter experts will help you to stay up-to-date as they are responsible for making sure that any changes to requirements are reflected in our policies, our procedures and any information developed for employees and the community.

### Subject matter experts should ensure that guidance material:

- Has been approved at an appropriate level;
- Is concise, customer-focussed, in plain English and accurate;
- Has been prepared in consultation and collaboration with related content owners and updated to reflect feedback from users;
- Has been communicated to those in Landcom most affected by the change; and
- Remains accessible and updated as required.

Subject matter experts exist both in operational and corporate areas. Anyone may be a subject matter expert. It is important every person understands who subject experts are, how they can help and, if you are one, your responsibilities.

It is everyone's responsibility to do the right thing and comply with our legal and Policy responsibilities. If you are not sure about an issue, ask your People Manager or a subject matter expert. People Managers have an important role to play in ensuring their teams are made aware of legal, Policy and budget responsibilities including their delegated powers.



Caring for Country by Maddison Gibbs | Cherrybrook Station, Sydney Metro Northwest Places

#### We build relationships, treating all others with respect and dignity

Landcom's success is built on the relationships we form and our trusted reputation. The diversity of thought, ability, and experience we gain through these relationships improves our decision making and enables us to make a difference through the work we do.

It is up to all of us to continually build relationships and earn that trust by treating our colleagues, stakeholders and members of the public with dignity and respect. You need to ensure every interaction, communication and action you take is in line with our values, and in no way prejudices the operations, security, integrity or reputation of our organisation. If you deal with vulnerable members of the community, including children under 18 or the elderly, you must treat them with the utmost respect and dignity, offering special care in line with their needs and requirements.

#### **Respect and inclusion**

Respect and inclusion are fundamental to a harmonious, productive and psychologically safe workplace where people feel safe to speak up about concerns. We're committed to ensuring our workplace is a safe environment in which everyone feels they can achieve their potential.

As outlined in the Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying Free Workplace Policy, Landcom has no tolerance for bullying or harassment.

#### We are all responsible for:

- Treating people with dignity and respect, and contributing to a positive and productive workplace;
- Making sure people feel valued and are able to fully participate in the workplace;
- Not discriminating against, harassing or victimising anyone on any grounds as outlined in the Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying Free Workplace Policy;
- Demonstrating inclusive behaviours and using inclusive language that respects the diversity of our workplace;
- Creating a workplace that is safe and offers protection from sexual, physical and psychological harassment and exclusion; and

Bullying, Harassment and Victimisation

Bullying is behaviour that is repeated, unwelcome and unsolicited. It is considered offensive, intimidating, humiliating or threatening by the recipient or others who witness the actions or are affected by them. Landcom has a zero-tolerance approach towards bullying and harassment in the workplace as outlined in the Discrimination, Harassment & Bullying Free Workplace Policy.

Bullying does not include reasonable management practices such as performance management and disciplinary procedures, or other reasonable management directions.

Victimisation involves unfavourable treatment of a person because the person has made or been involved in making a complaint about discrimination, harassment or bullying, or participates in an investigation.

A complaint of victimisation can be considered as either a civil or criminal matter; Landcom will act in accordance with the law when it receives a complaint.

#### Sexual Discrimination and Harassment

Landcom will not tolerate of any form of sexual discrimination or harassment. This includes no tolerance for the use of offensive or suggestive language, sexual banter, and the mistreatment of any person in a position of vulnerability as outlined in the Discrimination, Harassment & Bully Free Workplace Policy.

Sexual harassment can be a valid reason for dismissal under the Fair Work Act.

• Preventing bullying.

#### We ensure the safety and wellbeing of ourselves and others

Landcom is in the business of creating vibrant, thriving communities that look after the wellbeing of its residents. One way we can contribute to this is through our workplace.

We all have a responsibility to ensure our workplace which may be the office, sales office or a site Landcom is responsible for, is safe and secure and protects our health and wellbeing. We expect everyone to proactively identify, assess, resolve and report risks and hazards. To understand your responsibilities and obligations and ensure compliance with WHS legislation, refer to the Health, Safety & Environment Management System which can be found on the Hub and the Policy.

#### While at work you need to ensure that:

- You are not impaired by the use of alcohol, illicit drugs, or prescribed or over the counter medication;
- The use of any substance does not adversely affect your safety, or the health and safety of others;
- You do not consume alcohol and/or illicit drugs when in control of a vehicle or machinery;
- You follow any legislative and Landcom directions to maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and visitors;
- The use of any prescribed or over the counter medication does not impair your ability to drive or operate machinery; and
- You speak with your People Manager to make alternative arrangements if there is a possibility that you may be impaired.

At Landcom functions and events, whilst the consumption of alcohol is not banned, we expect you to use good judgment and never drink in a way that leads to impaired performance or inappropriate behaviour, endangers the safety of others, or violates the law. Possessing, selling, using, transferring or distributing illegal drugs of controlled substance while working is strictly prohibited.

Your responsibilities regarding health, safety and the use of drugs and alcohol apply to you in all places of work including Landcom work sites, Landcom functions or events, and the worksites, functions and events organised by Landcom stakeholders.

If you are found to be impaired as a result of being under the influence of illegal, over the counter drugs and/or alcohol, Landcom may suspend you from duty. Disciplinary action may be considered in line with the Unsatisfactory Performance or Misconduct Procedure.

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Shared vision community workshop | North Wilton

#### We respect confidentiality and use information appropriately

Being in a position of industry leadership and innovation means we attract a lot of attention from people wanting to find out how we deliver our projects. We need to manage this carefully as sharing certain kinds of information prematurely can have a negative impact on our projects, our reputation and our competitive advantage, and can prove costly in other ways.

#### We each have a responsibility to:

- Not reveal confidential material;
- Properly secure, label, and (when appropriate) dispose of official information and confidential material;
- Only accept confidential, sensitive or personal information if all parties have previously signed an appropriate agreement to enable the sharing of information; and
- Safeguard the personal, sensitive and confidential information we receive from others, particularly under non-disclosure agreements.

Given the potentially complex nature of the relationships we navigate, there will be times when you need to apply your best judgment to determine what information to share and what to keep secure. A not so obvious example is taking and sharing photos in a Landcom office or project. Before taking and sharing photos, you need to be aware of the people and information that may be captured. If you are uncertain, err on the side of caution to ensure you don't disclose information inappropriately and ask for help from your People Manager or a member of the Legal team.

#### **Confidentiality of information**

At all times, you must maintain the confidentiality of all official information and documents which are not published or normally made available to the public. This includes Cabinet documents whether they are in draft or published. You need to refer to and abide by the Records Governance Policy.

An important piece of legislation you need to be aware of and abide by is the GIPA Act which was established to provide an open and transparent process for giving the public access to NSW government information. All enquiries made under the GIPA Act must be referred to Landcom's Right to Information Officer who can be contacted by email on Right2Info@landcom.nsw.gov.au.

#### Protecting personal information

Landcom takes the privacy of its Staff, members of the public and its clients and stakeholders seriously and will manage and protect the personal and health information it handles in accordance with the NSW Privacy Legislation and Landcom's Privacy Policy. You must familiarise yourself and comply with Landcom's Privacy Policy, the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) and the Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (NSW). All enquiries relating to privacy must be referred to Landcom's Right to Information Officer.

#### **Protecting our Intellectual Property**

All work carried out in the course of employment with Landcom is Intellectual Property owned by Landcom. This includes written works, the creation of templates, plans, concepts or ideas, training materials, manuals, brochures or other subject matter (including any software, products and services).

The copyright of material created by you in the course of your work belongs to Landcom, even if the material was developed in your own time or at home or another location.

Your obligation not to disclose information outside Landcom extends to all Intellectual Property owned by Landcom. This means you may not use, deal with or disclose the Intellectual Property outside Landcom without the express written consent of your People Manager, even if you created or produced (either solely or with others) the Intellectual Property. If the Intellectual Property of Landcom is used in a contrary manner, such conduct will be regarded as a breach of this Code. We all have an ongoing duty to protect confidential information that we have had access to through our work, which could include organisational information, information generated by another party or government agency, or information generated through a recruitment or procurement process.

It is also important that we respect and comply with others' Intellectual Property rights (even if Intellectual Property material is publicly available on the internet, for example). This includes the cultural material of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. Please contact our Social Sustainability & Partnerships Team if you have any questions relating to cultural material relating to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders.

#### **Misuse of information**

You must not misuse your role or your access to Landcom or other government-held information to secure future employment advantages within or outside Landcom, or to benefit any other person or organisation, including those who have worked for Landcom in the past.

You must exercise care when dealing with former Staff, and make sure you do not give them favourable treatment or access to corporate information. You must report any attempt by a former Staff member to influence you to your EGM. Security and management of records and information

You must ensure that any information in any form (printed or electronic) cannot be accessed by unauthorised persons and that sensitive information is only discussed with persons (inside or outside Landcom) who are authorised to have access to it.

You are not to access information unless it is immediately relevant to the work you are performing. Additionally, you must store records created or received while you are performing your role as per our Records Governance Policy. These records are captured in the official system and not destroyed without appropriate authority in line with Landcom Policies.

Management is also responsible for securing offices and premises, and Staff are responsible to ensure that suitable arrangements are in place to maintain security of confidential and sensitive documents, whether on Landcom premises or outside of those premises.

Cyber security is a rapidly evolving challenge. It is important that we take steps to help protect our systems and information. All Staff are required to comply with the ICT Information Security Policy and complete relevant mandatory learning modules as well as follow any instructions from the ICT team regarding electronic storage by any means.

#### **Signing documentation**

Always comply with the Document Execution Policy, the Power of Attorney Policy and the Delegations Manual when requested to sign a document. You must not sign any document which you believe or know has not been approved in accordance with Landcom's Delegation Manual or is not true and correct.

You must not coerce any other Staff member to sign any document that does not meet the above requirements.

#### **Providing references**

If you are a People Manager, you may provide an official statement of service or a verbal referee report using verified information as part of the recruitment selection process. You must not include any false or derogatory statements. Providing false and misleading information via a verbal reference may have legal consequences and may also be accessed or released publicly under a GIPA Act request.

Always consult with the People & Culture team if you are asked to be a referee for a person whom you suspect or are aware is the subject of misconduct action.

#### Industry Engagement

Staff can engage with industry professionals but should consider whether information provided to one party at an industry engagement may give them a competitive advantage over other industry participants who may not be privy to the same information. If this is the case, the information should preferably not be disclosed, or, if it is, a process be set up that allows for all relevant parties to be privy to the same information.

Confidential information divulged by another party in a meeting should remain confidential within Landcom unless otherwise required by law or policy.

Where formal meetings are held with third parties, they must comply with Landcom's Probity requirements.

At least two Landcom Staff members should attend any formal meetings held with third parties to ensure that any risks of conflict or probity are avoided. Minutes of meetings or a file note must be kept. Informal meetings include phone calls, coffee catch-ups and other occasions where the meeting was not formally scheduled. The rules for formal meetings do not apply in these circumstances, however before participating in an informal meeting, Staff should assess if the meeting may result in a negative perception of influence or improper conduct. Where concerns exist, the Staff Member should seek advice from their EGM.

While regular meetings may be held with industry representatives from peak bodies to facilitate the sharing of information, only information that is publicly available may be conveyed in response to individual requests in relation to projects or business opportunities. In circumstances where feedback is sought on government proposals which require the sharing of confidential information, EGM approval is required.

#### Media or press communication

You are not to communicate with the media/ press concerning Landcom's business activities unless authorised to do so. Media enquiries should be directed to the Senior Manager Media & Stakeholder Relations. All communication with the media/press or on official Landcom social media channels must be in accordance with the Media & Social Media Policy.

#### Social media

Staff should consider the risks, benefits and implications that may arise from making private statements that relate to their work on social media platforms. Even positive and supportive comments can become contentious when engaging in personal use of social media.

#### Staff must:

- Not post official Landcom content unless authorised to do so. You can, however, repost, or retweet Landcom posts, material or comment without substantial or meaningful change as part of showing affiliation or support for the organisation;
- Not purport to be communicating on behalf of Landcom in an official capacity;
- Not comment or post any material that might cause damage to Landcom or the NSW Government's reputation; and
- Use a private social media account, established with a private email address.

#### Lobbyists

You must comply with the NSW Government Lobbyist Code of Conduct in connection with the lobbying of NSW Government officials. Landcom will only engage with professional (third-party) lobbyists if they are listed on the NSW Electoral Commission's Register of Lobbyists. Please advise your People Manager if you are contacted by a lobbyist.



Julia Reserve opening | Oran Park

#### We use and manage public resources economically and efficiently

Landcom's ability to deliver projects and create thriving communities depends on how well we manage Landcom's resources.

#### **Delegations of Authority**

As custodians of public funds and assets, we all have the responsibility to use Landcom's resources efficiently and effectively for authorised purposes to deliver the best outcomes for the people of NSW. The Delegations Manual outlines our delegations of authority to ensure that decisions regarding the use of financial resources are made by those with the required level of responsibility. You need to familiarise yourself with the Delegations Manual and comply with the delegations of authority.

#### **Use of resources**

Always ensure you make decisions relating to the use of resources, facilities and equipment that are reasonable, appropriately authorised and able to withstand public scrutiny. This includes finances, office facilities, equipment, stationery, motor vehicles, travel, credit cards etc.

Treat Landcom property and assets with care and ensure they are secured against theft or misuse. You also need to ensure the use of any property or assets is lawful, appropriate and ethical and does not create a risk or liability for Landcom. While Landcom carries its own insurance, you must minimise the risk of loss or damage to official facilities and equipment that are in your personal possession. Landcom resources and assets must be used for the primary purpose of official business. This includes the use of stationery, letterhead and official logos.

Avoid any personal use of Landcom resources and equipment such as computers and phones in accordance with the ICT Policy. If you need to use Landcom equipment for personal purposes, ensure its use is infrequent, brief, involves minimal cost and does not interfere with the performance of your work. This includes all use of Landcom's electronic communication facilities which must be operated in accordance with the ICT Information Security Policy.

Use of Landcom facilities and equipment, including software, for private employment or for private financial gain is prohibited. The only exception is where you have been formally contracted to supply services to Landcom. In this case, the use of Landcom's facilities must be specified in the contract.

You must not seek to make private use of the services of other Staff. Politely decline any requests to perform non work-related tasks during work time.

#### Procurement

Landcom routinely buys (procures) goods and services, to help us conduct our business. This can range from routine office supplies to consultancies and contingent labour. It is important for successful project delivery and for our reputation that public money is spent wisely, ensuring we get value-for-money and receive quality goods and/or services.

#### We expect our Staff to:

- Plan ahead;
- Buy the right thing;
- Use the right process;
- Understand your budget responsibilities;
- Get help if you need it; and
- Make sure you get what you paid for at the agreed price.

Landcom's purchasing practices must be of the highest standard to achieve value for money and ensure that public money is spent appropriately. You are expected to familiarise yourself with and abide by the Procurement Policy and Procedures and to comply with them, including those procedures that apply to the type of procurement being undertaken on behalf of Landcom.

#### We hold each other accountable to the Code of Conduct

Any violation of the Code not only erodes the trust we have built, it also puts our Staff and our business at risk. It also undermines productive working relationships and prevents us from doing our best work. For this reason, every person who works for or on behalf of Landcom is obligated to raise concerns promptly.

Landcom is committed to protecting any person who raises concerns about a breach of the Code from retaliation or reprisals. Any attempt to take detrimental action against a person who raises a legitimate breach of the Code will be treated seriously and may lead to disciplinary action.

#### **Reporting suspected wrongdoing**

Landcom is committed to the highest standards of ethical and accountable conduct and does not tolerate any act of fraud or corruption. Immediate action will be taken whenever fraudulent or corrupt behaviour is detected, reported or suspected.

Landcom's Fraud Control Framework and Fraud Control & Corruption Prevention Policy provide guidance and assistance to ensure you are aware of your responsibilities regarding fraud and corruption prevention, detection and reporting.

This includes information as to when and how a report should be made and escalated through the appropriate channels, including that you must always report any behaviour that you observe, that you consider, or suspect may be unethical, fraudulent or corrupt. Please also be aware of Landcom's Public Interest Disclosures & Internal Reporting Policy & Procedure and the PID Act which provides protection against reprisal if you make a report that you honestly believe, on reasonable grounds, shows, or tends to show corruption, maladministration, serious and substantial waste of public money or a GIPA Act contravention. If you are a People Manager and you receive a report that might qualify as a public interest disclosure, you are obligated to advise and encourage the reporter to make the report to the appropriate member of Staff in accordance with the Public Interest Disclosure & Internal Reporting Policy & Procedure, in order that the reporter may be protected by the PID Act.

**Reporting serious criminal offences** 

If you are charged, convicted or found guilty of a serious indictable offence or any offence which may impact your ability to undertake part or all of the inherent requirements of your role, you must immediately notify your EGM and People & Culture.

A 'serious indictable offence' means an offence punishable by imprisonment for five years or more.

You may be suspended from duty until the criminal charge has been resolved. Landcom may elect to terminate employment on the basis of criminal findings. In such circumstances the CEO will be notified.



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### **Breaches**

If you see anyone act in a way that is contrary to the Code, you must report the incident immediately.

#### To do this you can contact:

- Your People Manager;
- People & Culture, in person, or email peopleandculture@landcom.nsw.gov.au;
- A member of the Legal team, or email fraudcontrol@landcom.nsw.gov.au; and/or
- Contact our CEO.

You may also raise your concern anonymously by placing a written account of the incident in the Fraud & Corruption Notification boxes, located in the Parramatta office. Ensure that you provide enough information so that the concern can be addressed appropriately. If the alleged breach is by your People Manager, then report the incident to a member of ExCo or the CEO.

If you have reported a breach of the Code and feel the report has not been adequately addressed or resolved, you are encouraged to bring the concern to the attention of the CEO directly, who will carefully consider the report and take appropriate action.

Where there are any alleged breaches concerning the CEO, then you can bring this to the attention of the Chairman of the Board.

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	Records Governance Policy

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	Landcom Corporation Act 2001		
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	• Ombudsman's Act 1974		
	State Owned Corporations Act 1989		
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