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Dear Mr Webster

Re: Review of *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002*

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to provide input into the review of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 2002 (the Act)*.

Glenorchy City Council has not received any disclosures and as far as we are aware there have been no disclosures that have been connected to us.

While the Act provides protection from someone taking “detrimental action” in response to a disclosure, it is management’s view that the Act should also accommodate disclosure about the type of conduct that is described under the definition of “detrimental action”.

In explanation, it has been our experience that the Act does not offer any assistance in addressing inappropriate behaviour within the organization such as intimidation, harassment or threats. This deficiency means that a person who takes action against this sort of behaviour via other legislation or policy has no protection from “detrimental action” in retaliation. It would be appreciated if this defect could be addressed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information regarding these comments.

Yours sincerely

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