

# Whistleblower protections

I have watched with some concern the recent cases of whistleblower prosecution and punishment. Since the Attorney General has not intervened, even though the claimed intent of whistleblower protections is to allow whistleblowers to come forward and be legally protected, even though investigations have confirmed the whistleblower information was of public interest and enquiries have followed through on the information brought forward, the whistleblowers are still prosecuted and punished.

There are currently no examples of whistleblowers not being punished or prosecuted.

The only conclusion a rational person can come to is that this is all a sham and parliament are colluding to suppress whistleblowing. Or put differently, this proves parliamentary corruption.

The most immediate examples are robodebt where the royal commission recommended prosecution, the war crimes concerns in Afghanistan where the courts found them to be likely, and child abuse in government institutions in Tasmania where the head of police publicly exposed the identity of the witness with no penalty. All of these send the clear message that we tote the whistleblower protection line while actively ensuring they are at risk. This has to be on purpose behaviour.

So is this submission just setting me up to be persecuted as well?

The trend is not good.

So I strongly urge our political and legal leaders in Australia to address the obvious gross injustice in persecuting and prosecuting whistleblowers. The current hypocrisy can only convince the Australian public that you cannot be trusted at all.

I know that sounds harsh, but that is what this does. Makes the whole parliamentary system look corrupt.

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