Tell us about your experience working in local government

VAGO is surveying staff and councillors across the sector about sexual harassment.

We are asking about:

- · your experiences and views
- · training and guidance
- · complaint handling.

We want to hear from everyone in local government, no matter your experience, role or background.

Your responses are confidential and anonymous.





Frequently asked questions

Who is the survey for?

It will be open to all current staff and councillors at participating councils. To find out if your council is participating, contact your Human Resources team.

When is the survey?

The survey is scheduled to be released in June 2020.

How will it work?

If your council is participating, you will receive an email from VAGO through Checkbox (our survey platform) with a link to complete the survey. If you do not have a staff email address, your council may give you the link directly. Your council will let you know before we release the survey.

What will VAGO do with the results?

We will report our overall findings to the Victorian Parliament and publish them online.

We may include anonymous quotes from the survey in our report. We will not identify names, specific roles or councils. We will only include your quote if you tick a box in the survey to give us consent.

We may also provide your council with a summary of results for their continuous improvement. These results will be aggregated and anonymous and will not include quotes from the survey.

Will my survey response lead to a formal complaint?

Your survey response does not constitute a formal report of sexual harassment.

If you would like to make a formal report of sexual harassment, you may do so by speaking with:

- · your relevant council contact
- the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission
- · WorkSafe Victoria
- · Victoria Police (for criminal matters).

How will VAGO protect my confidentiality?

The Audit Act 1994 prohibits us from disclosing information gathered during an audit, other than in reports to Parliament. We cannot and do not give access to audit-related information and documents through freedom of information requests.

Find out more about our information privacy here

