

Whistleblowing Laws have Changed – Are you Ready?

The passing of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Enhancing Whistleblower Protections) Bill 2017 in February 2019 marks the beginning of a new era of enhanced whistleblower protections in corporate Australia which sets up new strict criminal and civil penalties for non-compliance including <u>fines for</u> individuals of \$200,000 and for companies of \$1million and potential jail time.

The new law commences 1 July 2019

Whistleblower Program Services

- Updating whistleblower policies to meet new requirements - ensure wording specifies how whistleblowers will be "supported and protected" and procedures updated to enforce strict anonymity of whistleblowers
- Training Staff and Senior Management –providing online modules and in house workshops
- Conducting assessments to identify known "problem" issues instead of waiting for a whistleblower report to be filed ending up on the front page of the papers
- Linking whistleblower programs to Codes of Conduct

Who is CPR?

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