



## PROTECTED DISCLOSURES ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Section 22 of the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 (the Act) requires the publication of an Annual Report each year relating to the number of protected disclosures made in the preceding year and any actions taken in response to such disclosures.

Pursuant to this requirement, the EPA confirms that no disclosures were made to the EPA as an employer, under Section 6 of the Act for the financial year from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020.

Pursuant to Statutory Instrument No. 339 of 2014, the Director General of the EPA, is prescribed to be the recipient of disclosures of relevant wrongdoings in relation to all matters relating to the protection of the environment in the State.

Pursuant to this requirement, the EPA confirms that, one disclosure from a party external to the EPA was received during the year. The disclosure has been investigated by the EPA, with two site visits undertaken by an EPA inspector, where no evidence was identified of the alleged wrongdoings described by the discloser. The discloser was notified accordingly. No further action/investigation is being taken by the EPA at this time.