

Corporate developments and initiatives

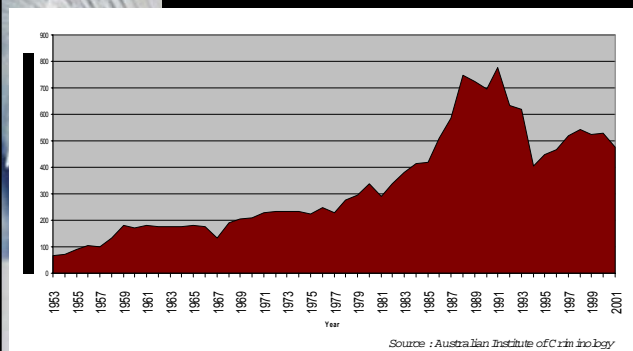


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Outline

- The extent of fraud and corruption in the Australian economy
- The compelling case for whistleblower protection
- Overview of AS 8001-2003 Whistleblower Protection Programs for Entities

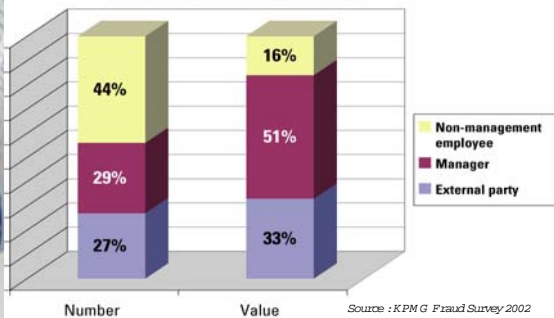
Fraud in Australia 1953 - 2001



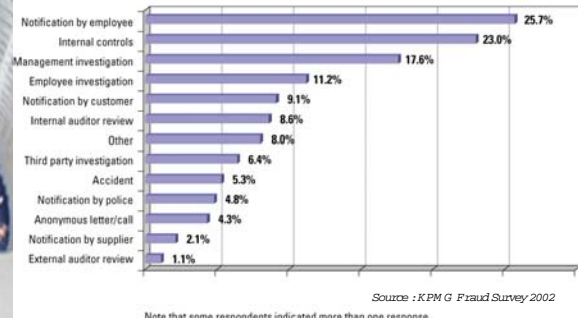
Fraud and Corruption in Australia in 2003

- Increase in fraud and corruption
- Continuous striving for greater efficiencies
- Poor internal control
- Early warning signs ignored
- Organised crime and other external attack
- Technology

Perpetrator of major fraud



How was major fraud detected?



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## The most common frauds

- Credit card fraud (external parties)
- Theft of plant and inventory by employees
- False invoicing
- Theft of funds (including EFT)
- Insurance fraud
- Identity fraud (lending / asset financing)
- Theft and sale of confidential information
- Cheque theft
- False financial statements

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## AS 8000-2003 Good Governance Principles

- AS 8001-2003  
Fraud and Corruption Control
- AS 8002-2003  
Organizational Codes of Conduct
- AS 8003-2003  
Corporate Social Responsibility
- AS 8004-2003  
Whistleblower Protection Programs

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## AS 8004 - 2003 Whistleblower Protection

- Focus on protecting the whistleblower
- Whistleblower protection policy
- Broad based definition of reportable conduct
- "Whistleblower Protection Officer"
- "Whistleblower Investigation Officer"

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## Objectives

- Encourage reporting of matters that may cause loss to the entity
- Protect the identity of the whistleblower
- Protect whistleblower from reprisal
- Provide for supporting infrastructure

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## Reportable conduct

- Dishonest conduct
- Fraudulent
- Corrupt
- Illegal
- Breach of the law
- Unethical
- Serious incompetence
- Unsafe work-practice
- Other conduct detrimental to the entity

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## Infrastructure

- Whistleblower protection officer
- Whistleblower investigation officer
- Internal reporting systems
- External reporting systems
- Communication with the whistleblower
- Code of conduct
- False reporting
- Education and training

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