



Policy:

Legal Advice to the Public

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LEG 1.1

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Cross-references:

[VIC 1](#)

Where members of the public ask Crown Counsel for legal advice, Crown Counsel should advise them to consult a private lawyer or an investigative agency, as appropriate.

It is inappropriate for Crown Counsel to provide an opinion to a member of the public on whether a set of facts described by that person, hypothetical or otherwise, would constitute an offence.

For guidance on the scope of information that could be provided to victims of crime, see *Victims of Crime – Providing Assistance & Information to* ([VIC 1](#)).

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