



Whistleblowers Australia

“All it needs for evil to flourish is for people of good will to do nothing”- Edmund Burke

**WHISTLEBLOWERS AUSTRALIA INC URGES THE
GILLARD GOVERNMENT
TO JOIN WITH USA TO DECLARE
JULY 30 INTERNATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWERS' DAY**

Whistleblowers Australia calls on the Gillard Government to get behind a proud USA tradition and make it our own by declaring July 30 International Whistleblowers' Day.

The National Whistleblowing Center (NWC) in Washington DC is calling for Barack Obama & Congress to declare July 30 National Whistleblowers' Day. The NWC is seeking a national day of recognition to honour the courage of those who have continued to come forward in the public's interest since 1777, when ten marines and sailors blew the whistle and set the course for the next three hundred years. Go to <http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?ald=139291> for full details.

True, the USA got the jump on us back in 1778 when it enacted its first whistleblower protection law, the False Claims Act, which, incidentally, is now credited with being the biggest anti-fraud tool in the country.

Back then, Sydney Town was little more than a possibility and it would be more than a decade before Arthur Phillip pitched his tent on the bank of the Tank Stream in Sydney Town. But that's no reason to hold back now and particularly as the Honourable Gary Gray MP, Special Minister of State for the Public Service & Integrity, is apparently putting the finishing touches to our first federal whistleblower protection Bill as we go to print.

Australia urges the Gillard Government to join with our American friends and allies and set a proud course for the next 200 years.

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