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Some of us have been super concerned watching Robodebt. Could we have an independent ethics adviser, not an AEC SES, so if we need to consult someone we can.

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Moderator

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That is an interesting perspective. Firstly I would say what occurred in Robodebt is terrible and I have not seen any of that sort of behaviour, or anything close to it, in the AEC in my 10 years here. If you are looking for something independent I would suggest the Australian Public Service Commission but there are many ways to seek advise in the public service or to escalate concerns, including anonymously. Thanks, Jeff

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This is a comment in relation to a previous question about impartial ethics advice - the APSC has an Ethics Advisory Service https://www.apsc.gov.au/working-aps/integrity/ethics-advisory-service

reply from Moderator

Moderator

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Thanks for the comment. Following the findings of Robodebt the APS will be doing more work around this. You'll also see on the APSC website that there are a range of avenues open to raise concerns, including line managers harassment contact officers yees for dealing with concerns, central conduct or integrity units nominated individuals or teams in HR, including employee advice units or hotlines, or fraud prevention and control units or hotlines email reporting addresses 'authorised officers' who receive public interest disclosures.