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Dear Ms Manderson

**RE: SUBMISSIONS ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND OTHER LEGISLATION (FURTHER  
EXTENSION OF EXPIRING PROVISIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission to the Economics and Governance Committee on the *Public Health and Other Legislation (Further Extension of Expiring Provisions) Amendment Bill 2021* ('Bill').

The Crime and Corruption Commission ('CCC') supports the extension of the sections 7-10 of the *Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response Proceedings and Other Matters) Regulation 2020* until 30 April 2022. These provisions have allowed the CCC conduct hearings facilitated by audio-visual links and give notices under the CC Act electronically where they would otherwise have been disrupted by the COVID-19 emergency.

I also reaffirm my submission on these provisions in my letter to the Attorney-General, Ms Shannon Fentiman MP on 4 May 2021 that consideration be given to allowing sections 8 and 9 of the *Justice Legislation (COVID-19 Emergency Response Proceedings and Other Matters) Regulation 2020* permanent application beyond the COVID-19 emergency. Although personal service and attendance at hearings would remain the CCC's preferred approach, these technology-based arrangements would allow for more efficient operations in certain situations, for example, if a witness resided in a remote region.

The CCC does not make any comment on the balance of the Bill that is not directly applicable to CCC operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bill. If you would like to discuss any aspect of this submission, please contact my office directly.

Yours sincerely

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**A J Macsporrán QC**  
Chairperson