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Ms Lucy Manderson Committee Secretary Economics and Governance Committee Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Ms Manderson

RE: SUBMISSIONS ON COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OTHER LEGISLATION BILL 2021

Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission to the Economics and Governance Committee on the *COVID-19 Emergency Response and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021* ('Bill').

The Crime and Corruption Commission ('CCC') welcomes the amendments proposed by the Bill in Clause 11 and supports the extension until 30 September 2021 of the parts applicable to the CCC's operations, but otherwise does not make any comment on the balance of the Bill.

The extension of all COVID-19 related legislation will allow the CCC to continue utilising the provisions in the *Justice Legislation (COVID 19 Emergency Response – Proceedings and Other Matters) Regulation 2020,* which in part permits the CCC to conduct hearings remotely using audio visual links during a COVID-19 emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Bill. Please contact my office directly to discuss the submission further if required.

Yours sincerely

A J Macsporran QC Chairperson