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Mr Jarrod Bleijie MP
Member for Kawana
Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations
Manager of Opposition Business

By email: kawana@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Bleijie MP

**RE: ALLEGATIONS ARISING OUT OF THE APPOINTMENT OF
MARK ALGIE TO THE BOARD OF ENERGY QUEENSLAND**

Thank you for your letter to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), dated 4 May 2018, in which you raised concerns about the conduct of Minister Mark Bailey MP in the appointment of Mr Mark Algie to the board of Energy Queensland Limited (EQL).

Specifically, we understand that you allege Minister Bailey unlawfully caused the appointment of Mr Algie to the board of EQL with the intent to give a dishonest benefit to the leadership of the Electrical Trades Union (ETU) in their dealings with EQL.

The CCC have now had an opportunity to consider this matter. To assist in our assessment of the allegation we have also conducted inquiries including obtaining a range of material from Queensland Treasury. Our purpose in requesting this material was to identify whether the circumstances of Mr Algie's appointment to the board of EQL raised any suspicion of corrupt conduct on the part of any people involved in his appointment.

As you are aware, under the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (the Act), the CCC's role is to ensure that complaints involving suspected 'corruption' are dealt with appropriately.

Before the CCC may take action in relation to a complaint of corruption, we must be satisfied that the information available to us raises a suspicion that corruption has occurred. Taking action in the absence of a suspicion would be an unjustifiable use of

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the CCC's limited resources. The Act recognises that it is appropriate for us to take no further action on a complaint in those circumstances.

While the matter you have raised would, if proved, amount to corrupt conduct, the CCC considers, based on our review of the relevant material, that there is insufficient evidence to raise a suspicion that the elements of section 15 of the Act are satisfied. For these reasons, the CCC is unable to take any further action in relation to your concerns.

In the course of our review, however, the CCC has identified concerns about the lack of transparency and good governance in the process utilised when appointing people to the board of Government Owned Corporations (GOCs), including EQL.

The CCC has written to Mr Murphy, Under Treasurer at Queensland Treasury, recommending that the government implement more robust policies and procedures to improve transparency, equity and governance in relation to these appointments in the future. The CCC's recommendations include applying the same process equally for all candidates and conducting due diligence checks before recommendations for appointment are progressed to Cabinet.

The CCC is yet to assess the other concerns you have raised in your correspondence and we will advise you separately about your other concerns in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Alsbury', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Alsbury
Senior Executive Officer, Corruption