



Public Service Commission

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Committee Secretary
Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Via email – pccc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary

I refer to a letter dated 17 December 2019 from Mr Tim Nicolls MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee, with respect to the inquiry into the Crime and Corruption Commission's (CCC) performance of its functions to assess and report on complaints about corrupt conduct.

The Public Service Commission (PSC) and CCC have distinct functions under legislation: the PSC's role under the *Public Service Act 2008* is to support agencies' handling of work performance (conduct) matters, while the CCC's role under the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* is directed towards matters involving corrupt conduct. While the PSC does not have a sector-wide view on the CCC's performance of its functions, as all agencies report matters directly to the CCC on corrupt conduct matters, and not the PSC, it is understood that issues relating to timeliness of assessment, transparency of process and sector anti-corruption capability are of keen interest.

As a small public office, the PSC has limited direct interaction with the CCC on matters involving suspected corrupt conduct by PSC officers, however, from time to time other public sector agencies seek the assistance of the PSC for matters involving chief executives, or human resources and ethical standards areas. In some of these cases, concerns have been raised about the referral of corrupt conduct matters by the CCC back to agencies with no, or very limited, capability to handle them, or where the allegations involve the chief executive or member of a board.

Recently officers from the PSC participated in the CCC-led Corruption Capability Development Program Working Group, with the draft report and recommendations finalised in June 2019. Key themes of the draft report highlight the need to enhance sector capability in anti-corruption through proposed specific interventions. The PSC would welcome the opportunity to continue to work with the CCC to enhance sector integrity capability.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide a submission to this inquiry. Should you have any further queries or require further information in relation to this submission, please contact commission.psc@psc.qld.gov.au or telephone (07) 3003 2800.

Yours sincerely

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