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Mr Peter Russo MP  
Acting Chair  
Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Russo

Thank you for your letter of 11 June 2015 inviting my submission to assist the Committee in its review of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).

I am pleased to advise that the Department of State Development (the department) works cooperatively with the CCC and there is a positive and constructive relationship between the department and the CCC.

The department has noticed that there has been some diminishing of the role and presence of the CCC in the sector in recent years. The changes to the CCC's enabling legislation including the definition of "corrupt conduct" (Section 15) and the increased threshold for reporting of matters by public officials (Section 38), particularly the "reasonable suspicion" test, have resulted in fewer matters being reported to the CCC than in previous years by the department and consequently we have been required to manage matters more independently.

While this approach reinforces appropriate departmental management and accountability for these issues, it appears to have also resulted in the CCC's withdrawal from regular face to face meetings with the department's liaison officer. Such regular personal contact assisted in maintaining strong relationships, sharing information and expediting progress in cases of alleged corrupt conduct. Furthermore, the removal of the research and prevention functions from the CCC may, over time, result in a diminished championing and maintenance of fraud and corruption prevention expertise in the sector. In one particular instance, the department was proactive in ensuring the CCC retained its managing conflict of interest resources on a publicly accessible website after such resources were initially removed from the CCC website in 2012.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Jim Meyers, Manager Ethics, Integrity and Risk, Department of State Development, on 3452 6952 or [jim.meyers@dsg.qld.gov.au](mailto:jim.meyers@dsg.qld.gov.au), who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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