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Mr Karl Holden
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Dear Mr Holden

I refer to the letter dated 2 June 2020 from Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (PCCC), inviting submissions to inform the PCCC's five-year review of the activities of the Crime and Corruption Commission's (CCC's) including its functions to assess and report on complaints about corrupt conduct.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback to inform your inquiry. The Department of Health (the Department) recognises the importance and independent role of the CCC in dealing with and preventing corruption in the Queensland public sector.

I understand the PCCC are examining a range of matters as part of this inquiry, including but not limited to the CCC's corruption function, including:

- the application of the principles for performing its corruption functions, including the devolution principle;
- the CCC's handling of, and reporting on, complaints of corruption; and
- the CCC's corruption prevention function.

The Department is satisfied with the current legislative framework relating to matters involving corrupt conduct and the directions issued to the Department by the CCC under section 40 of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001*, that detail how and when the Department must notify the CCC of certain types of complaints.

The majority of corrupt conduct matters relating to the Department are returned to the Department to manage, subject to the CCC's monitoring role. I understand this is consistent with the devolution principle and allows the CCC to focus on more serious cases of corruption.

The Department is unable to comment specifically on the procedures used by the CCC in handling corrupt conduct matters. However, the Department is interested in receiving timely and consistent decisions from the CCC regarding all corrupt conduct matters.

Given the CCC are involved in the more serious cases of corruption, the reporting of these outcomes, or their use within case studies, is an important education and prevention tool for all public sector agencies, and the Department continues to find value in the prevention resources made available by the CCC to public sector employees.

I can advise that the Department has no additional comments to submit regarding the inquiry.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, the Department's contact is Mr Todd Donaldson, A/Director, Ethical Standards Unit, Office of the Director-General and System Strategy Division, on telephone [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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