



Our ref: 2017-00367(P1)
Your ref: QA19745

Queensland Ombudsman
ABN 257 657 579 00

Level 18, 53 Albert Street
Brisbane Q 4000

GPO Box 3314
Brisbane Q 4001

P 07 3005 7000
1800 068 908
(outside Brisbane)

F 07 3005 7067

E ombudsman@
ombudsman.qld.gov.au

W ombudsman.qld.gov.au

SENSITIVE

10 August 2020

Mr Tim Nicholls MP
Chair
Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee
Sent by email: pccc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Nicholls

Five-year review of the Crime and Corruption Commission's activities

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission for the purpose of the Committee's review.

My submission focusses on the Crime and Corruption Commission's (CCC's) liaison with my office to avoid duplication of investigative activity.

Under the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001*, the CCC has the obligation (under s.59) to work cooperatively with units of public administration and to liaise and coordinate activities to avoid duplication; and the authority (under s.60) to give information to the Ombudsman.

Similarly, under s.15 of the *Ombudsman Act 2001*, the Ombudsman may liaise with the CCC about the exercise of their respective functions. Also, under s.91A of the *Ombudsman Act*, the Ombudsman may disclose information to the CCC.

Liaison arrangements are in place between the CCC and the Ombudsman to avoid duplication. These arrangements include:

- the chairperson of the CCC and the Ombudsman being members of the Integrity Committee that is chaired by the Integrity Commissioner; and
- meetings between senior officers of the CCC and the Office of the Ombudsman to discuss strategic and operational issues, including liaison about specific complaints where the need arises.

As I am only recently appointed to the role of Ombudsman, I convey the advice of the Deputy Ombudsman to me that the arrangements in place effectively facilitate the sharing of information on issues of mutual interest to the two organisations and avoid unnecessary duplication of investigative work.

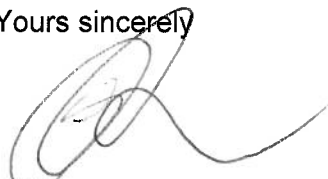
I note that the Committee will examine the CCC's role in overseeing the police service.

SENSITIVE

I support the CCC continuing to exercise this role. In so doing, I also support the continuation of the stipulation in s.16 of the Ombudsman Act that the Ombudsman must not investigate administrative action taken by a member of the police service, if the action may be investigated by the CCC.

I trust that this submission assists the Committee in its review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Reilly', written in a cursive style.

Anthony Reilly
Queensland Ombudsman