

REVIEW OF THE CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMISSION'S ACTIVITIES

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To Whom it May Concern, I understand that the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee is responsible for monitoring and reviewing the performance of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC). Included with this is a review of the activities of the CCC regarding any action that should be taken in relation to the CC Act or the functions, powers and operations of the CCC. From my personal experience I strongly believe that there needs to be an overseeing body that can investigate matters referred to Ethical Standards in the QPS and/or the CCC regarding Domestic and Family Violence (D&FV). The number of people losing their lives to D&FV related matters is significant. At the moment the QPS ESU has mates investigating mates with no independent overseeing body and no other avenue for complainants to take. When complaints are made in relation to this ie matter simply closed by the ESU and then the complainant lodges a complaint with the CCC, they say that the matter, despite considered to amount to police misconduct, are simply not serious enough to warrant their investigation. So the logic is that if the Aggrieved is murdered the CCC may then investigate the actions of the QPS and or ESU as it is now considered serious enough. If a matter involves a Police Officer or Ex Police Officer as the instigator of the D&FV, Senior officer/s within the QPS and ESU have the power to just make these matters/complaints disappear. The QPS is known to be a boys club and look after mates who have been in the job even once they leave. The investigative powers of the CCC needs to include the QPS and ESU. There needs to be a role in overseeing the police service, including the management of police discipline and misconduct matters, particularly regarding D&FV if anything is going to change. In my experience the QPS' failure to adequately investigate their own staff means there needs to be a CCC unit in the D & FV unit.