

Review of the Crime and Corruption Commission's activities

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Review of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC)

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Submission

1. I wish to raise concerns regarding the CCC's performance and limitations, particularly in relation to its corruption function, crime investigations, and its ability to take meaningful action in response to serious allegations of fraud and misrepresentation in local government.
2. Despite the CCC's investigative powers, it lacks the authority to directly prosecute or discipline individuals. Even when serious misconduct is substantiated, the CCC must rely on the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) or other agencies to take further action. This is particularly problematic in local government, where councillors or officials found to have engaged in fraud or misrepresentation may avoid meaningful consequences due to jurisdictional or procedural limitation.
3. Most complaints are referred back to agencies, with the CCC merely monitoring outcomes with limited oversight or follow-up. This leads to perceptions of inaction or delay, especially in cases involving systemic or high-risk misconduct.
4. There are issues around consistency, accountability and effectiveness when the CCC refers complaints back to the relevant agency for investigation. The CCC should be given more resources to build public confidence in the CCC's ability to independently address serious corruption.
5. There is delayed timeliness in responding to serious allegations.
6. I submit the following recommendations for the Committee's consideration:
 - a) Legislative reform to expand the CCC's powers to initiate prosecutions or impose administrative sanctions in cases of proven fraud or corruption.
 - b) Review of the devolution principle, particularly in local government, to ensure the CCC retains primary responsibility for serious or systemic matters.
 - c) Increased resourcing to enable the CCC to investigate a greater proportion of serious complaints directly, rather than referring them to agencies with potential conflicts of interest.
 - d) Enhanced transparency in reporting outcomes of investigations, including timeframes and follow-up actions.
7. I thank the Committee for its ongoing oversight of the CCC and hope that this submission will assist in strengthening Queensland's integrity framework.

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