



The Honourable Warren Pitt MP

Member for Mulgrave

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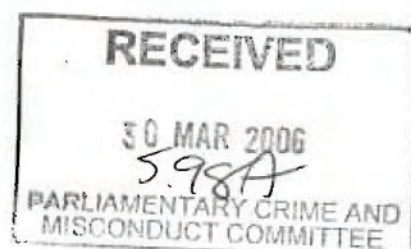
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Minister for
**Communities,
Disability Services
and Seniors**

Dear Mr Wilson



I refer to your letter dated 7 March 2006 concerning the three year review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission, currently being undertaken by the Parliamentary Committee. I note that you have also written to Ms Linda Apelt, Director-General, Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors regarding this matter.

Since the last review, the relationship between Disability Services Queensland, Communities and the Crime and Misconduct Commission has continued to develop to the mutual benefit of all parties. The departments have welcomed a number of the initiatives developed by the Commission, in particular:

- improved turnaround times of matters referred to the commission for assessment;
- devolution, to the greatest extent possible, of matters suitable for departmental investigation;
- program of monthly meetings between senior Commission staff and the departments' Crime and Misconduct Commission Liaison Officer;
- production of quality educational and support material including 'Facing The Facts', 'Managing Conflicts of Interest In The Public Sector' Toolkit and the 'Protecting Children' Report;
- provision of quality, practical advice in relation to handling of complex investigations;
- continuation of the established collaborative and consultative framework between the departments' and the commission;
- introduction of Section 40 reporting for matters of lesser significance; and
- improved electronic reporting of finalised matters.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Patrick Sherry, Director, Complaints, Investigations and Misconduct Prevention Branch, DSQ on 3235 9069.

Yours sincerely

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