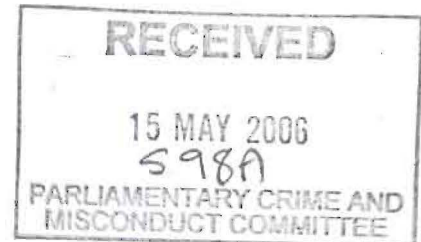


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Dear Mr Wilson

Three year review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission

Thank you for your letter of 7 March 2006 inviting submissions for the three year review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC).

I consider that the CMC provides good support to the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries in relation to matters that involve allegations of official misconduct by employees of the department.

The CMC's efforts in prevention capacity building such as the recent fraud and corruption control guidelines and associated workshops have been well received. Future engagement with the CMC Misconduct Prevention Unit to improve the effectiveness of the department's prevention policies and frameworks will be welcomed.

Consideration could be given to extending the CMC's jurisdiction to include independent third-parties who hold an appointment, and exercise statutory powers, under a State enactment. An example of this would be inspectors appointed under section 6A of the *Plant Protection Act 1989*.

The department would like to thank the Committee for providing an opportunity to participate in this review. If you require any further information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr David Kelly, Acting General Manager, Operational Review on telephone 07 3234 0305 or david.kelly@dpi.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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