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Mr Paul Hoolihan MP  
Chairman  
Parliamentary  
Crime and Misconduct Committee  
Parliament House  
George Street  
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Dear Chairman

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> September requesting submissions about the CMC, the CMC Act and its powers and operations.

One of the most common complaints I hear in my role as a local MP is the referral of complaints made to the CMC back to the agency originally complained of.

Most constituents who have a gripe about the CMC complain that it does not investigate their complaints properly but simply hands it back to the agency and sometimes even to the people complained of for reply. Although the CMC maintains an oversight role in respect to such an investigation, many people feel that it does not therefore treat their complaints seriously and carry out a truly "independent" investigation of the matter complained about.

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments in relation to the CMC's operation.

Yours sincerely

**Tim Nicholls MP**  
**Member for Clayfield**  
**Shadow Treasurer**  
**Shadow Minister for Future Growth**