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Mr Paul Hoolihan MP
Chairman
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Parliament House
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Dear Mr Hoolihan

Thank you for your letter of 18 September 2008, regarding the three yearly review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) pursuant to section 292(f) of the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001*.

In the past three years the Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation (the Department) has referred 21 local government related matters and 4 matters relating to departmental employees to the CMC for assessment of official misconduct. The CMC has referred a further 10 local government matters to the Department. The Department is satisfied with the CMC's exercise of its jurisdiction with respect to these matters.

A number of departmental staff have attended training provided by the CMC throughout Queensland. The training has been of a very high standard and has contributed to building the capacity of the Department to improve the integrity of, and reduce the incidence of misconduct in, the Department.

The Department works collaboratively with the CMC to improve the integrity of local governments in Queensland. Representatives meet regularly with officers of the CMC for the purposes of information sharing and those meetings have proven to be of immense benefit for both parties. The Department also works with the CMC and the Queensland Audit Office on incidences of possible official misconduct in Indigenous councils. If required, the CMC provides the Department with assistance and advice in respect to how to deal with misconduct.

In the last three years the Department and the CMC have published joint publications such as "Handling Confidential Information: Guidelines and policy for local governments".

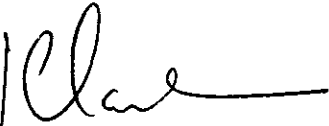
The CMC's role in relation to prevention and investigation of major crime and the CMC's witness protection functions do not impact on the Department. Accordingly, the Department has no submissions to make in relation to those functions. The Department also has no comment to make with respect to any corporate governance issues.

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Overall the Department is satisfied with the CMC's performance.

Co-operation between the CMC and the Department is mutually beneficial to both agencies in fulfilling their respective responsibilities and we look forward to continued collaboration in the years to come.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clarke', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Phil Clarke
Acting Director-General