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Media Release

Public Review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission

The Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee, Mr Paul Hoolihan MP, Member for Keppel, has announced a public review of all activities of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) as required under the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001*.

The Act provides for a review to be undertaken by the Parliamentary Committee at a time near to the end of three year from the appointment of the Committee's members. With the current Committee members now entering their third year on the Committee, it is time to commence the next review.

"The CMC plays a major role in the Queensland criminal justice system and strives to improve the integrity of the Queensland public sector and fight major and organised crime." Mr Hoolihan said.

"Since the last review in 2008-2009, the CMC has been very active in all its areas of operation. It is fair to say the Commission has received considerable media attention in recent times, both positive and negative and the Committee is now calling for submissions from all interested Queenslanders across the State to have their say."

"The CMC is accountable to the people of Queensland and to the Parliament through the Parliamentary Committee, which is a bi-partisan committee comprising both sides of politics," he said.

"The Committee wants to hear from all interested members of the public and that includes those outside Brisbane".

"We are calling for submissions now and will conduct public hearings later in the year" Mr Hoolihan said.

"This is a statutory review of the CMC's activities to assist the Parliament in considering whether amendments are needed to the *Crime and Misconduct Act* or to the functions, powers and operations of the CMC"

"The Review is not intended to investigate individual complaints which members of the public may have. Any such complaint is handled by the Committee in accordance with its normal complaint procedures and may be submitted, in writing to the Committee's secretariat at any time."

Mr Hoolihan said the review would include the following areas:

- the overall performance of the CMC;
- the jurisdiction, responsibilities, functions and powers of the CMC;
- the application by the CMC of the principles in performing its misconduct function, including:
 - the devolution of responsibility for misconduct matters to the Queensland Police Service and public sector agencies; and
 - the CMC's overriding responsibility to promote public confidence in the integrity of units of public administration; and if misconduct occurs, in the way which it is dealt with;
- the CMC's handling of complaints of corruption and other misconduct in the public sector and in the police service;
- the CMC's role in the investigation of major crime;
- any desirable legislative changes affecting the CMC;
- the CMC's role in the criminal justice system;
- the use and effectiveness of the CMC's investigative powers;
- the CMC's telecommunication interception powers;
- the CMC's role in overseeing the police service including the management of police discipline and misconduct matters;
- corporate governance; and
- the accountability of the CMC, including the role of the office of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner.

Submissions close on **Friday, 15 July 2011**. Submissions should be forwarded to:

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Further information about the role and functions of the Committee and the CMC may be obtained from the Committee's internet website at www.parliament.qld.gov.au/pcmc

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