

# ***MEDIA STATEMENT***



## ***Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee***

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**BY**

**Dr Alex Douglas MP, Chairman**

### **Review of Crime and Misconduct Commission - Public Hearings**

Dr Alex Douglas MP, Chairman of the bi-partisan Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee, has announced that the Committee will shortly hold public hearings as part of its Three Yearly Review of the Crime and Misconduct Commission.

The hearings will be held on Thursday, 3 November 2011 (commencing at 9.00am) and Friday, 4 November 2011 (commencing at 9:00am), in the Undumbi Room, Level 5, Parliamentary Annexe.

The public hearings follow:

- a public announcement by way of newspaper advertisement on 21 May this year calling for written submissions from interested individuals and organisations to assist the Committee in undertaking a comprehensive and objective review of the CMC;
- a written invitation to organisations and individuals having an interest in the area to make a submission; and
- the receipt and consideration of submissions received by the Committee, and the publication of submissions considered appropriate for release on the Committee's website.

Dr Douglas said:

“The review is an important part of the Committee's role of overseeing the CMC on behalf of the Parliament. It gives the Committee the opportunity to examine the performance of the Commission and hear from stakeholders in an open forum. It also allows the Committee to assess the effectiveness of the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001*.”

For background information, it is expected that a number of persons will address the Committee at the hearings including invited representatives from the:

- Crime and Misconduct Commission;
- Queensland Police Service;
- Office of the Commissioner for Children and Young People;

- Queensland Police Union of Employees;
- Government Departments and Government owned Corporations;
- Local Government Association of Queensland; and
- Queensland Newspapers Pty Ltd and Channel Seven Brisbane.

Dr Douglas said:

“The issues expected to be discussed at the public hearings will be wide-ranging and will cover many aspects of the CMC’s operations and the *Crime and Misconduct Act* including:

- the overall performance of the CMC;
- the jurisdiction, responsibilities, functions and powers of the CMC;
- the devolution of responsibility for misconduct to public sector agencies and the Queensland Police Service;
- the CMC’s handling of complaints of corruption and other misconduct in units of public administration;
- the CMC’s role in the investigation of major crime;
- the CMC’s role in the criminal justice system;
- corporate governance;
- the accountability of the CMC, including the role of the Office of the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Commissioner; and
- any desirable legislative changes”

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