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Media Release

The Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee is currently considering statements made by the Acting Chair of the Crime and Misconduct Commission, Dr Ken Levy at the Committee's public hearing on 1 November 2013 concerning contact between Dr Levy and the government prior to Dr Levy's opinion piece in the *Courier Mail* on 30 October 2013. In particular, the Committee is considering later correspondence by Dr Levy to the Committee on 4 November 2013 in relation to his previously provided evidence.

The Committee has to date also taken a significant body of evidence from a number of witnesses in relation to these matters. This additional evidence necessitates further investigation by the Committee.

The Committee, in conducting its inquiries, at all times needs to consider the obligation placed upon it by Standing Orders to provide procedural fairness to witnesses and persons adversely affected. The Committee is also cognisant of the public interest in these matters.

The Committee is required to strike an appropriate balance to these often competing considerations. The Committee is the body charged by the Legislative Assembly with making such determination and is best placed to make the balanced and informed decision. These decisions are best made in a bi-partisan, considered and informed manner.

Recent calls for the matter to be heard publicly do not necessarily take into account the matters contained in Standing Orders, nor are the commentators aware of all necessary facts on which to make an informed determination. It is noted that every inquiry has differing considerations.

The Committee undertakes that in due course it will make a public report which canvasses the issues, evidence and determinations in this matter. The Committee also undertakes to provide this report as expeditiously as practicable. The Committee would call upon all those who have commented to respect the Committee's obligations and determinations in the process.