Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee, Report No 92, Complaint about the CMC investigation into the University of Queensland

Queensland Government Response

Recommendation

The Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee in Report No. 92, Complaint about the CMC investigation into the University of Queensland recommended:

The Committee recommends the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice amend section 58 of the Crime and Misconduct Act 2001 to reflect both the need to protect judicial officers from frivolous, baseless and vexatious complaints along with the expectation that judicial officers are held accountable when acting in a non-judicial capacity in units of public administration.

Response

The Government acknowledges the Committee's concern that section 58 of the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* may limit the ability of the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) to fully review the appropriateness of how a unit of public administration manages misconduct of its officers when the judicial officer is a member of the decision-making body of the unit of public administration.

The Government will consider this matter further and consult with the judiciary and other key stakeholders to determine what legislative amendment, if any, is required to address this concern. If the Government determines that a legislative amendment is required, such an amendment will be implemented in 2014 as part of other reforms being progressed to improve the effectiveness and operations of the CMC.