



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Crime and Corruption Commission, Issues Paper**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills) (9.55 am): Since being elected the government has taken significant steps to implement a number of election commitments related to the Crime and Corruption Commission. This has included undertaking recruitment processes for permanent appointments to the CCC. There is also currently a related bill before the House. We are now taking steps to deliver on another important commitment regarding the CCC.

Prior to the election we committed to widening the definition of 'corrupt conduct' in the Crime and Corruption Act 2001. This commitment responds to changes made by the former government where 'official misconduct' became 'corrupt conduct', the intention being that there was a higher threshold for matters captured in the definition. The definition of 'corrupt conduct' helps establish the CCC's jurisdiction in relation to addressing public sector corruption. It is important that we get this definition right so the CCC has the necessary and appropriate jurisdiction to address public sector corruption.

Today I am releasing an issues paper seeking feedback on the definition of 'corrupt conduct'. I will be writing to key stakeholders to seek their feedback on the issues paper. The director-general of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General will also be writing to all departmental heads seeking their feedback. However, all Queenslanders have a stake in ensuring that our public sector watchdog can tackle corruption adequately. This is why the paper will also be available on the Get Involved website. I encourage all Queenslanders to read the paper and let us know what they think. Submissions can be made until 29 March 2016.