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**PARLIAMENTARY CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMITTEE**

**Report, Motion to Take Note**

 **Ms BUSH** (Cooper—ALP) (4.06 pm): I rise to make a contribution in relation to the report of the five-year review of the Crime and Corruption Commission which was undertaken by the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee. The committee is required under section 292(f) of the Crime and Corruption Act to review, report and make recommendations on the CCC's activities every five years. The most recent report, No. 106, which was published in June this year, is the report that I will speak to today.

As a recent addition to this committee, I have been impressed by the volume and the nature of the work that the PCCC undertakes. I would like to commend my colleagues, particularly our chair, the member for Scenic Rim, and deputy chair, the member for Stafford, for their collegiality, their professionalism and their advice guiding us through this very new and interesting territory. I would also like to acknowledge the work of the secretariat and, as others have said, the former and current parliamentary commissioners for their guidance.

As it has been noted, the need for an effective, impartial and independent watchdog on public sector corruption and major crime is significant. People ought to have trust in our public sector, in our government and in its officers, and some elements of trust building include oversight, monitoring and transparency. In undertaking the review, the committee examined the CCC's overall performance over the past five years and considered its jurisdiction, responsibilities, functions and powers.

In particular, the committee examined: the CCC's corporate governance and organisational structure; major crime function, including the investigation and prevention of major crime; investigative powers and hearings; corruption function; civil confiscation function; telecommunication interception powers; research and intelligence functions; witness protection function; the commission's broader role in the criminal justice system; its role in overseeing the Police Service, including the management of police discipline and misconduct matters; and oversight arrangements, including the role of the responsible minister, committee, Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commissioner and Public Interest Monitor.

This five-year review received a number of submissions. I would like to thank those who did make written submissions, particularly those who made themselves available to appear before the committee at public hearings to expand on their submissions—we appreciate that is never a simple task—and to provide further information so the committee might understand the nature of their experiences, their ideas and their concerns. The report made 30 recommendations in total which are currently being considered by the government. I commend the report to the House.