



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


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Crime and Corruption Commission, Legislative Reform**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (10.11 am): The Miles government acknowledges that the Crime and Corruption Commission is central to Queensland's integrity landscape. Since its inception, the CCC has from time to time issued public reports and made statements relating to specific corruption matters it has assessed, investigated or otherwise considered. These reports provide important information to the people of Queensland and highlight corruption risks for public servants and elected officials. However, as members would be aware, the High Court in *CCC v Carne* found that the CCC in fact has no legislative authority to issue such reports or statements.

Let me be clear. The Miles government acknowledges the need to legislate new reporting powers for the CCC. In doing so, we also recognise that publishing reports relating to individual corruption matters raises complex legal, ethical and human rights issues. That is why, as the Premier has just foreshadowed, I am today announcing the appointment of the Hon. Catherine Holmes AC, SC to conduct a short, sharp review of the matter to ensure that any legislative amendments strike a proper balance between the rights of the individual and the broader public interest. As the former chief justice of Queensland and more recently the head of the robodebt royal commission, Ms Holmes is eminently qualified to undertake this important body of work.

Ms Holmes' recommendations will be delivered to me by 20 May 2024 and then considered by cabinet and released in full. The government will act promptly to implement legislative amendments. I table the review's terms of reference for the benefit of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Document, undated, titled 'Terms of Reference: Public reporting on corruption matters' [199](#).