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## CRIME AND MISCONDUCT COMMISSION





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Senator Santo Santoro Committee Chair Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Santoro

## RE: REVIEW OF THE AUSTRALIAN CRIME COMMISSION ACT 2002

Your letter of 12 August inviting a submission from the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) refers.

It is the CMC's view that any review of the legislation should aim to preserve or enhance the current capacity for the ACC to engage in cooperative arrangements with other law enforcement bodies, including the CMC. The history of cooperation between the CMC and the ACC has been notable and allowed for some significant achievements in the fight against major crime. These successes, while occurring in Queensland, often had national or cross border implications and were unlikely to have been achieved without the two agencies combining the use of their authority and resources.

It would be appreciated if, in the absence of a submission, the committee had regard for this valuable aspect of the current legislation.

Yours sincerely

ROBERT NEEDHAM

Chairperson

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