

Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity

Inquiry into law enforcement integrity models

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to submit to the Inquiry that the best form of external management of police in regard to integrity is through a model in which all public sector agencies within a jurisdiction are oversighted by a single Public Sector Integrity Commission. This agency would treat police, politicians, public sector agencies and statutory corporations on an equal basis. Within the agency, a dedicated police section would ensure that law enforcement agencies receive a specific sustained focus. The agency would ensure integrity in investigations by undertaking a significant number of investigations itself, rather than merely auditing in-house investigations.

The rationale for this model, and the required powers, are described in the attached two research publications.

A third paper that may be of interest can be supplied in hard copy by post if required: Prenzler, T and Ronken, C (2001) Models of Police Oversight: A Critique. *Policing and Society*. 11(2):151-180.

Thank you for considering this submission.

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