



ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Ms Margaret Quirk, MLA
Chair
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission
Parliament of Western Australia
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Chair

**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION
REPORT NO. 1, SEPTEMBER 2017: *THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
CURRENT APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND PARLIAMENTARY
INSPECTORS OF THE CCC***

The Joint Standing Committee, in its Report No. 1 (**Report**) which was tabled in both Houses of Parliament on 14 September 2017, made 25 findings and 3 recommendations in relation to the efficiency and effectiveness of the appointment process for Commissioners and Parliamentary Inspectors of the CCC. The recommendations were:

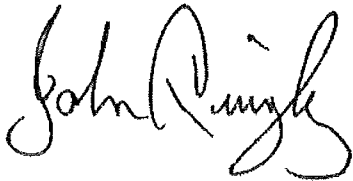
- (1) The Attorney General prepare an amendment to the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003 (CCM Act)* to allow for the appointment of a Deputy or Assistant Commissioner to assist the Commissioner in the day to day work of the Corruption and Crime Commission.
- (2) The Attorney General prepare an amendment to sections 9(3a)(a) and 9(3b) of the CCM Act to:
 - (a) remove the role of a nominating committee in the appointment process for Commissioners and Parliamentary Inspectors; and;
 - (b) in lieu thereof, mandate that the Premier propose one name from a list of three people to the Committee for its bipartisan and majority support.
- (3) The Premier undertake a review of the internal processes for managing the appointments of Commissioners and Parliamentary Inspectors, with the aim of ensuring that they are more timely and efficient.

The Government response to the report is as follows:

1. In relation to recommendation 1, the Government will consider a proposal to amend the CCM Act to allow for the appointment of Deputy or Assistant Commissioners to assist the Commissioner with the day to day work of the Commission.
2. In relation to recommendation 2, the Government will consider a proposal to amend the appointment process so as to remove the nominating committee from the appointment process given the support that this proposal has received.
3. It should be noted that that no legislative change could have been enacted prior to the expiry of the Parliamentary Inspector's previous term.
4. The Government notes that the Parliamentary Inspector's new term expires in December 2022. While the process criticised in Report No. 1 was followed, it did not delay the appointment process on that occasion. Further, it is not expected that there will be any delay in the appointment process occasioned within the Premier's Office under this Government.

The Government thanks the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission for Report No 1.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Quigley', written in a cursive style.

Hon. John Quigley MLA
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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