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30 September, 2013

The Hon Nick Goiran MLC  
Chairman  
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission  
Parliament of Western Australia  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Goiran

**Submission to the inquiry into the role played by the Corruption and Crime Commission in Western Australia's Integrity Coordinating Group**

I refer to your letter dated 29 August 2013, addressed to the Commissioner, Mr Stephen O'Bryan SC, in which you invited the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) to provide a submission to the abovementioned inquiry.

Having commenced operations on 10 February 2013, IBAC is in the process of establishing consultative arrangements with other integrity agencies in Victoria. At this early stage in our establishment I trust that the following information about some of the key arrangements currently in place will be of assistance to your Committee's inquiry.

Integrity Consultative Committee

A high level Integrity Consultative Committee has recently been established to facilitate information sharing and coordination between the heads of core agencies in the Victorian integrity system. The membership of this Committee comprises:

- ▶ IBAC Commissioner (Chair)
- ▶ Victorian Ombudsman
- ▶ Auditor-General
- ▶ Chief Municipal Inspector
- ▶ Commissioner for Law Enforcement Data Security
- ▶ Privacy Commissioner
- ▶ Public Sector Standards Commissioner

The first meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 31 October 2013, at which time the Committee will consider its objectives and operating arrangements.

In addition to that Committee, the IBAC Commissioner holds informal bilateral meetings with the Ombudsman, the Auditor-General and the Victorian Inspector. These meetings provide both parties with the opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest or concern.

#### Protected Disclosure Liaison Group

A Protected Disclosure Liaison Group has been established to support implementation of the new Victorian *Protected Disclosure Act 2012* and help ensure that the system of facilitating, managing and investigating protected disclosures is efficient and cohesive.

The membership of this Group comprises senior officers from:

- IBAC (Chair)
- Victorian Inspectorate
- Victorian Ombudsman
- Victoria Police
- Parliament

This Group held its first meeting on 2 September 2013 and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

#### Prevention and Education Advisory Group

A Prevention and Education Advisory Group has been established to share information on prevention and education activities and identify opportunities for collaboration.

The membership of this Group comprises senior officers from:

- IBAC (Chair)
- Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate
- State Services Authority
- Victorian Auditor-General's Office
- Victorian Ombudsman

This group held its first meeting on 12 August 2013 and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis.

A range of other informal meetings and consultations between agencies occur on an issues basis to help implementation of the new Victorian integrity system and foster information sharing and collaboration. For example, IBAC's Legal officers hold regular, informal meetings with the Victorian Ombudsman's Legal division to help ensure the smooth flow of information between both agencies.

Thank you for inviting IBAC to make a submission to the inquiry into the role played by the Corruption and Crime Commission in Western Australia's Integrity Coordinating Group. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Christine Howlett, Director, Strategic Services by email: [Christine.Howlett@ibac.vic.gov.au](mailto:Christine.Howlett@ibac.vic.gov.au) or telephone: (03) 8635 6437.

Yours sincerely



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