

Integrity Committee

Meeting

Date	Wednesday, 16 December 2020
Time	2pm
Location	Video Conference

Attendees

- Nikola Stepanov Committee Chair and Queensland Integrity Commissioner
- Alan MacSporran QC Chair, Crime and Corruption Commission
- Angela Pyke Acting Queensland Ombudsman
- Rachael Rangihaeta Information Commissioner
- Kathleen Florian Independent Assessor
- Brendan Worrall Auditor-General, Queensland Audit Office
- Pat Vidgen Electoral Commissioner

Apologies

- Ross Barnett Racing Integrity Commissioner
- Anthony Reilly Queensland Ombudsman
- Robert Setter Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

Secretariat

- Pua Samia Office Administrator, Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner

Matters Discussed

1. General updates

1.1. Crime and Corruption Commission

- Projects for next year include allegations of corruption and should be made confidentially to the CCC.
- Federal CCC/ICAC body is necessary.
- The Commission is also looking into the lobbying space.
- Local government and difficulties experienced in the indigenous remote communities.

1.2. Queensland Audit Office

- Business as usual.
- Numbers of reports tabled prior to caretaker period in October.
- Conducted outreach work in October including a road trip to south west of Queensland with local government.

1.3. Office of the Independent Assessor

- Agency is now under new Minister and Deputy Premier.
- After the local government election, there was a 75% turnover of councillors in Aboriginal communities.

1.4. Office of the Information Commissioner

- Continuing record demand. Addressing key drivers.
- Reviewing specific aspects of mandatory publishing data requirements for all Queensland government agencies and comparative good practice, consistent with Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 3 draft commitment.

1.5. Electoral Commission of Queensland

- State Election, declarations all finalised 14 days after polling day.
- Pre-polling was very popular this year.
- Presently in the midst of four by-elections and not closing near Christmas.
- Next year, explore working with integrity agencies covering lobbying.

1.6. Queensland Ombudsman

- Business as usual back to pre-COVID.
- Office will close at 12pm on Christmas Eve for the Christmas shutdown period.
- Corrupt conduct notifications and non-notifications are regularly recorded due to the large number of complaints received.

1.7. Queensland Integrity Commissioner

- Continued high demand for requests advice. As well, advice requests and complaint about alleged unlawful lobbying activity has significantly increased.
- Receiving a number of requests from media advisors relating to lobbying including RTI applications. However, we do not have a media team and are not able to respond to many requests.
- The inaugural 'Lobbying Summit' for agencies responsible for regulating or assessing/investigating lobbying conduct will be held early next year in conjunction with the CCC and South Australia ICAC.
- Strategic Review in the functions of the Integrity Commissioner due to occur in 2021, with the Reviewer due to be appointed by mid-March.
- "IQ: Integrity in Queensland" podcast will be rescheduled for next year.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 24 March at 3pm