



## **Integrity Committee Meeting**

# Tuesday, 17 December 2019 11.30am

Office of the Integrity Commissioner Level 13, 53 Albert Street, Brisbane

Chair: Nikola Stepanov Queensland Integrity Commissioner

Attendees: Alan MacSporran QC Chairperson, Crime and Corruption Commission

Phil Clarke Queensland Ombudsman

Wade Lewis Acting Electoral Commissioner

Rachael Rangihaeata Information Commissioner

Ross Barnett Racing Integrity Commissioner

Kathleen Florian Independent Assessor

Brendan Worrall Auditor-General, Queensland Audit Office

Secretariat: Sara Rancic Executive Assistant, Office of the Queensland Integrity

Commissioner

**Apologies:** Pat Vidgen Electoral Commissioner

Robert Setter Commission Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

# **MATTERS DISCUSSED**

# 1. General updates:

## 1.1 Acting Electoral Commissioner

- Preparation for 2020 Local Government Elections is ongoing.
- There are approximately 500-600 announced candidacies.
- A number of councils have been setup on a postal-vote only basis for the election.

#### 1.2 Auditor-General

- New operating model launched on 13 December 2019.
- Strategic Audit Plan 2021 to 2023 available on the Queensland Audit Office's website by the end of the week.

#### 1.3 Independent Assessor

- The Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA) has concluded its first year of operations with approximately 1,340 complaints.
- New legislation introduced into Parliament in relation to conflicts of interests.

<sup>\*</sup>Auditor-General, Queensland Audit Officer left meeting at 12pm

#### 1.4 Queensland Ombudsman

- Training of public servants continued.
- Preparation for Human Rights Act is underway.

## 1.5 Chairperson, Crime and Corruption Commission

Impala hearings finalised.

\*Chairperson, Crime and Corruption Commission left the meeting at 12.30pm

## 1.6 Racing Integrity Commissioner

• Review of report in relation to the horse racing inquiry.

## 1.7 Information Commissioner

- Two regional local government compliance audit reports tabled.
- The Queensland Law Reform Commission Civil Surveillance review report to the Attorney-General has been deferred to 28 February 2020.
- Office of the Information Commissioner continues to receive record demand for external review of agency decisions about access and amendment, and our enquiry services.

## 1.8 Queensland Integrity Commissioner

- Integrity Commissioner acted as Health Ombudsman mid-September to mid-October 2019.
- Integrity Commissioner recently published Board Packs for conflict of interests of Statutory Board Members available on the Commissioner's website at <a href="https://www.integrity.qld.gov.au">www.integrity.qld.gov.au</a>.

#### 2. General business:

#### 2.1 Oueensland Ombudsman

• Electronic (Public) Petition tabled in the Legislative Assembly 'Protect Our Prison Officers'

## **Next meeting:**

Tuesday, 7 April 2020 at 2pm