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Secret hearings are a waste of time as the point of ICAC/IBAC type tribunals is to 'turn over the rocks' that the corrupt live under to expose them to public scrutiny.

Further, the notion that only criminal matters will be investigated ignores the plethora of corrupt (as opposed to criminal) practices that have been exposed in the states.

The group of advisors, including a retired Victorian Supreme Court judge, who were appointed by the government to advise over many months in 2018 have been completely ignored.

That the government has been dragged kicking and screaming to this point speaks volumes about their reluctance to establish an oversight commission with teeth - retrospective, resourced to undertake its own investigations, public when it needs to be and with wide powers in relation to corrupt practices and behaviour.

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