

Dear Sir or Madam,

I fully support the establishment of a Commonwealth anti-corruption body. That body should be:

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- Fully funded to ensure it has adequate resources;
- Tasked to investigate corruption at any level of the Commonwealth government including politicians, commonwealth public service staff and any other body working with or receiving funding / payment from the government. Any notion that politicians should not be able to be investigated is preposterous. It simply undermines the very notion of an anti-corruption body. It gives politicians a green light to act unscrupulously or corruptly.
- Free to investigate any corruption it deems serious or systemic. It must have the power to initiate its own investigations, make arrests, gather and hold evidence, and conduct searches;
- Able to hold public hearings;
- Capable of, and required to publicly report its findings.

Thank you for considering my submission.

I consent to my submission being published on the Attorney General's website.

Yours sincerely,

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