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The Honourable Catherine Holmes AC SC  
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Dear Honourable Holmes,

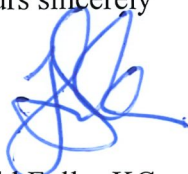
I refer to your letter of 27 February 2024 and thank you for the opportunity to comment the Terms of Reference with respect to the review you are undertaking.

The reporting function of the Commission is a matter of policy and is not ordinarily something upon which this Office would comment. It is a matter for Parliament and the Commission to consider how the reporting supports their respective functions.

Our only interest is in the reporting on individuals upon whom we are now required to give advice upon in relation to corruption investigations. As identified in 6(d) of the Terms of Reference, any reporting of individual matters needs to be circumspect to recognise the presumption of innocence to be accorded to both those who are proceeded against and those who are not. The risk associated with allegations of corruption is that they can be weaponised, used for political or personal gain, or linger to taint the reputation of an individual. Reporting more than an individual will or will not be charged tends to lead to debate about the merits of that decision.

Given the independence of this Office in making those decisions, it would be unhelpful for the Commission to make public statements in relation to matters before the prosecution is concluded, or where a decision is made that a prosecution is not warranted, other than that their investigation is at an end.

Yours sincerely



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