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Department of  
Tourism and Sport

The Honourable Catherine Holmes AC SC  
Reviewer  
Independent Crime and Corruption Commission Publication Review  
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Dear Ms Holmes

I refer to your letter of 27 February 2024 relating to your independent review of the Crime and Corruption Commission's (CCC) ability to publicly report and make statements on the performance of its corruption functions.

As noted in the Terms of Reference, approved by the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, a recent High Court Decision identified the CCC does not have the ability to publicly report on individual corruption matters through Section 69(1)(b) of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001*. While I am aware of previous public reports, neither I nor the Department of Tourism and Sport (DTS), have participated in a process of this nature and I appreciate the inclusion of DTS in the review process.

It is DTS' view that the CCC's ability to conduct public reviews has proven an effective strategy in supporting their role to combat and reduce the incidence of major crime and corruption in the Queensland public sector. Whilst appropriate governance should be established to ensure procedural fairness and compliance with human rights, DTS supports the development of appropriate legislative amendments enabling the CCC to conduct public reviews and publish reports both in the future and retrospectively.

DTS will assist with any further requests into the review, and possible legislative amendments to support the CCC's role in reducing the incidence of corruption in the public sector.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Hopper  
**Director-General**