



**Australian Government**  
**Australian Commission for  
Law Enforcement Integrity**

## **Media Policy**

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### ***About the Integrity Commissioner and ACLEI***

The Integrity Commissioner is an independent statutory officer, appointed by the Governor-General under the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*. The Integrity Commissioner, Mr Philip Moss, is supported in his role by the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI).

### ***Media policy about operational matters***

It is not appropriate for the Integrity Commissioner to discuss any corruption issue that may be under investigation or consideration.

To do so:

- may cause difficulties for the investigation process;
- may be disrespectful of witnesses and those being investigated; or
- risks prejudicing investigation outcomes.

For these reasons, ACLEI's policy is to not discuss operational matters with the media.

### ***Reporting investigation outcomes***

The Integrity Commissioner provides the Minister for Home Affairs with a final report when an investigation has been completed. A copy is also provided to the head of the law enforcement agency to which the investigation relates.

The Integrity Commissioner must include a summary of any investigations completed during the year in his annual report.

The Integrity Commissioner may decide to release to the public any of his reports, or parts thereof. In doing so, he must be satisfied that it is in the public interest to make a report public. For instance, the Integrity Commissioner should take care to not compromise other investigations, reveal law enforcement methods, or prejudice any related court proceedings.

### ***Accountability***

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on ACLEI oversees the performance of the Integrity Commissioner.

### ***Further information***

Any requests for media comment should be made by contacting ACLEI during business hours: (02) 6229 9300.