



Media Policy

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The ACLEI Media team **does not** accept or handle reports of corruption. Anyone wishing to report a corruption issue to ACLEI should do so in accordance with the [instructions available on our website](#) or by calling (02) 6141 2345.

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 is supported in her role by the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI).

More information about the Integrity Commissioner and ACLEI is available on the ACLEI website: www.aclei.gov.au, and in the Integrity Commissioner's annual reports.

Media policy about operational matters

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

To do so may:

- cause difficulties for the investigation process
- be disrespectful of witnesses and those being investigated, or
- risk prejudicing investigation outcomes.

For these reasons, ACLEI does not provide comments about specific operational matters to the media.

Reporting investigation outcomes

When an investigation has been completed, the Integrity Commissioner provides a final report to the Minister. In most circumstances, a copy is also provided to the head of the law enforcement agency to which the investigation relates.

The Integrity Commissioner must include in her annual report summaries of any investigations completed during the year.

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

Investigation reports which have been made public and summaries can be found on the ACLEI website.

Accountability

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on ACLEI monitors and reviews the performance of the Integrity Commissioner.

Further information

Any requests for media comment should be made by contacting ACLEI during business hours on (02) 6141 2300, or by emailing media@aclei.gov.au.