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ACLEI publishes annual Corruption Vulnerabilities Brief for the first time

Misuse of official information a key corruption risk for Commonwealth law enforcement agencies

The Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) has today published for the first time its annual Corruption Vulnerabilities Brief.

The Brief is based on analysis of all investigations undertaken under the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (LEIC Act) and related prosecutions that resulted in findings of corruption or misconduct during the 2021 financial year. The analysis was used to draw conclusions about key corruption vulnerabilities, including the misuse of information, abuse of office, grooming, integrity in high volume processes and employment suitability. The brief also highlights relevant corruption observations made in ACLEI investigations to address these vulnerabilities.

Almost half of the concluded cases involved the misuse of information through unauthorised access to information, disclosure and modification of information. Official information is a valuable commodity and misuse of information is a key enabler of corrupt conduct.

Conduct amounting to an abuse of office was another key vulnerability, with 30% of cases involving staff members misusing their position, or property and benefits associated with public office to dishonestly advantage themselves or others.

Integrity Commissioner Jaala Hinchcliffe said, "ACLEI is committed to strengthening the integrity of Australian government law enforcement agencies. Our purpose is to make it more difficult for corruption to occur or remain undetected. The Corruption Vulnerabilities Brief draws together and highlights the corruption prevention observations that I have made throughout the year through my reports to assist agencies to manage the corruption risks that may be present for their organisations."

The Corruption Vulnerabilities Brief 2020-21 is available on the ACLEI website.

About the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI)

ACLEI is committed to preventing and investigating corruption issues relating to Commonwealth law enforcement agencies. ACLEI supports the Integrity Commissioner to provide independent assurance to government about the integrity of prescribed law enforcement agencies and their staff members. The office of the [Integrity Commissioner](#) and ACLEI are established by the [Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006](#). For more information, visit ACLEI's website: aclei.gov.au