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ACLEI expands jurisdiction with four new agencies

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Integrity Commissioner and head of the Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI), Jaala Hinchcliffe, has welcomed the expansion of ACLEI's jurisdiction to encompass four new Australian Government law enforcement agencies.

From 1 January 2021, the expanded jurisdiction includes the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, Australian Prudential Regulation Authority, Australian Securities and Investments Commission, and Australian Taxation Office.

Ms Hinchcliffe said, "Our purpose is to make it more difficult for corruption to occur or remain undetected in the Australian Government law enforcement agencies which we oversee. The expansion allows us to ensure the highest standards of integrity are maintained across a larger number of Australian Government agencies by detecting, investigating and preventing corruption."

The expansion allows the Integrity Commissioner to comprehensively address the corruption risk to the law enforcement functions and outcomes of the agencies, and exercise statutory powers to investigate corrupt conduct in the new prescribed agencies.

"Over recent years, ACLEI has investigated examples of abuse of public office, bribery attempts, facilitation of criminal activity, unauthorised access and disclosure of information, and deliberate grooming of employees of law enforcement agencies by criminal entities. Law enforcement integrity is crucial to protect the Australian economy, businesses and individuals from the threat of serious and organised crime," said Ms Hinchcliffe.

Established under the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commission Act 2006* (LEIC Act), ACLEI performs an important oversight role in relation to the integrity of Australian Government law enforcement agencies. ACLEI undertakes this role in four main ways:

- ACLEI receives and assesses notifications and referrals of alleged corrupt conduct by members of Australian Government law enforcement agencies.
- ACLEI conducts investigations into serious and systemic corrupt conduct.
- ACLEI supports its partner law enforcement agencies to conduct their own investigations.
- ACLEI prevents corruption through engagement, support and identification of vulnerabilities.

The nine agencies subject to the Integrity Commissioner's jurisdiction from 1 January 2021 are the:

- Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
- Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission (including the former Australian Crime Commission, the former CrimTrac Agency and the former National Crime Authority)
- Australian Federal Police (including ACT Policing)
- Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- Australian Securities and Investments Commission
- Australian Taxation Office
- Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC)
- Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
- Department of Home Affairs (including the Australian Border Force).

Other Australian Government agencies can be prescribed by regulation under the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006*.

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](#) (the LEIC Act). For more information, visit ACLEI's website: www.aclei.gov.au

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