



Australian Government

**Australian Commission for
Law Enforcement Integrity**

SUMMARY OF REPORT 01/2015

Operation Helix—a joint investigation into alleged drug use by Australian Customs and Border Protection Service ICT employees

Regulation 20(e) of the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Regulations 2006* requires a summary of the outcomes of the investigations completed during the reporting period, together with any recommendations and any action taken as a result of the investigations, to be presented in the Integrity Commissioner's Annual Report.

Report 01/2015 was provided to the Minister on 15 January 2015 and has not been made public. A summary of the report appears in Chapter Six of the Integrity Commissioner's 2014–15 Annual Report, available at www.aclei.gov.au, and is reproduced below.

This report resulted from allegations about possible illicit drug use concerning two Information and Communication Technology (ICT) staff members of the ACBPS, and their undeclared relationships with criminal contacts.

While this investigation did not result in a clear outcome, it nevertheless illustrated the risk that ICT staff with high levels of access to official information—for instance, through privileged or *super user* database access—may put themselves in a position where they could be subjected to corrupt compromise. After careful examination, no evidence was obtained of any compromise to the functions of the ACBPS. Having regard to other processes then underway, then Acting Integrity Commissioner, Mr Robert Cornall AO, reserved indefinitely his findings in relation to the conduct of the two staff members.

In order to protect law enforcement methods, this investigation report has not been made public.