IBAC Committee recommends improvements to public information

The Victorian Parliament's IBAC Committee has today tabled its latest report into Victoria's integrity agencies, covering the performance of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and the Victorian Inspectorate.

The report highlights the achievements of the agencies during the year in identifying, exposing and preventing corruption and misconduct in Victoria as well as the challenges they faced.

The Committee has made four recommendations covering:

- the need for a dedicated chapter on police oversight in IBAC annual reports
- how IBAC can improve its reporting of statistical information and analysis regarding police in its annual reports
- the need for the Victorian Inspectorate to review the design and content of its website so it can serve users better
- the opportunity for greater collaboration between the agencies in producing more accessible information for the general public.

"Victoria's integrity system is essential to honest public administration, government and law enforcement," said Committee Chair Kim Wells.

"It is an essential check against corruption, abuse of power and privilege and other misconduct.

"To ensure public confidence in the system, it's important for the community to have access to information about the work that the integrity agencies undertake.

"The recommendations we have made propose some improvements in the information made available to the community by the integrity agencies."

The report has also identified a number of areas that the Committee will investigate further in its current inquiry into the external oversight of police corruption and misconduct in Victoria. These include IBAC's approach to prioritising investigations, Victoria Police's regional complaints-handling systems, and the way police and integrity agencies communicate with complainants.

The report is available from the Committee's website.

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