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Report on Victorian integrity agencies recognises their important work

The Victorian Parliament's Integrity and Oversight Committee has today presented its [report](#) on the performance of Victoria's integrity agencies.

The Committee has made two key recommendations to improve the agencies' performance of their important functions. Firstly, it has recommended that the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) review its occupational health and safety strategies, policies and practices. Secondly, it has recommended that the Victorian Ombudsman prioritise its engagement with the most vulnerable communities in Victoria, and those living and working in the regions, so they have a better understanding of the agency's role and how it can assist them.

The report reviews the performance of IBAC, the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner, the Victorian Inspectorate and the Victorian Ombudsman, mainly through close examination of their annual reports for 2019/20. The agencies also appeared before the Committee at online public hearings and answered the Committee's questions on notice.

The Committee recognises the critical and dedicated work that the staff of the agencies undertake, especially given the continuing demands and pressures of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report is available on the Committee's [website](#).

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