

# INTEGRITY MATTERS



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## From the Chief Executive Officer

Last week the Integrity Commission launched a consultation process, seeking input from the community on Tasmania's current lobbying system and how it might be improved. While it has been some time since the last edition of *Integrity Matters*, it seems an ideal time to re-launch our newsletter. *Integrity Matters* will be published on a regular basis to keep you informed of key events at the Commission. Read on to learn how you can contribute to the lobbying oversight reform process, as well as hear about other recent events at the Commission.

## Featured News - Lobbying Oversight

The existing lobbying system for Tasmania was established in 2009 and is currently administered by DPAC. This system includes a [Register of Lobbyists](#) and a [Lobbying Code of Conduct](#). Administration of the Register and the Code is to be transferred from DPAC to the Integrity Commission in July this year. This provides an opportune moment to review how lobbying is regulated in Tasmania.

Regulation and oversight of lobbying is an issue that is being considered in jurisdictions around Australia. There is no consistent framework for managing lobbying. The Commission has published a [consultation paper](#) which summarises the relevant issues and risks. It sits alongside a full [research paper](#) for those interested in understanding how lobbying, and lobbying regulation, works in Tasmania, across Australia, and internationally.

In reviewing the existing Tasmanian framework, the Commission is keen to have community input into potential lobbying reforms and we are interested to [hear your experiences and views on lobbying](#). Submissions are open until **30 June 2022**.

**HAVE YOUR SAY**



Chief Commissioner Greg Melick AO SC launches the public consultation in Hobart 18 May 2022

I discussed the consultation on *Mornings* with Leon Compton. If you would like to hear more about the reform process then the segment is [available here](#).

The aim of the consultation is to have a better, more transparent register for Tasmania and Tasmanians. I encourage you to record your own thoughts and invite others to do so as well. Your written submission will be a valuable contribution to this reform process.

## Grant Commitments in Election Campaigns

Last month the Commission released a research paper analysing commitments made during past Tasmanian election campaigns. This research paper generated much interest and discussion and is the second in a series about ethical conduct and potential misconduct risks in Tasmanian parliamentary elections. Following on from [Paper 1: Tasmanian Electoral Act offences and campaign conduct](#), released in October last year, [Paper 2: Grant commitments in election campaigns](#) considers ways to regulate 'commitments' made before Tasmanian parliamentary elections and 'grants' provided after elections. We are considering a third paper in the series, focusing on the use of public resources in elections.

## Commission of Inquiry

Earlier this month I attended the [Commission of Inquiry](#), appearing as part of a panel alongside Commissioner for Children and Young People Leanne McLean and the

Ombudsman Richard Connock. The hearing provided an opportunity for the Commissioners to hear more about Tasmania's 'integrity framework' and how the entities intersect. A link to [the transcript is available here](#) (commencing on page 402). The Integrity Commission made a submission to the Commission of Inquiry last year and continues to support this critically important review.

## More information

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