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## INTEGRITY STATE REPORT TABLED

Today the Commission's report, *Integrity State: Corruption prevention recommendations*, was tabled in Parliament.

The report details corruption prevention recommendations made by the Commissioner to a number of agencies during the 2021 - 22 financial year.

During any corruption investigation, the Commission identifies vulnerabilities within the agency's practices, policies and procedures, which might have enabled inappropriate conduct. These weaknesses are communicated to the agency so that they may be addressed.

Commissioner Vanstone said,

'Irrespective of whether investigations result in criminal proceedings, they often provide opportunities for public authorities to strengthen their means of detecting and preventing corruption. Where vulnerabilities exist, I bring them to the authority's attention and make recommendations to address them.'

The majority of recommendations relate to the management of conflicts of interest.

The Commission also uncovered weaknesses in workplace culture, the supervision of staff and business functions, and identified activities and environments which are inherently susceptible to corruption.

The Commissioner stated that, 'Many public authorities do not well understand corruption risks and so are ill equipped to address them.'

In all of its work the Commission seeks opportunities to give advice aimed at preventing corruption and to improve integrity in public administration.

The observations made in this report will be relevant to all public agencies.

The *Integrity State* report is available on the Commission's website: [www.icac.sa.gov.au/](http://www.icac.sa.gov.au/)

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