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The Hon Kyam Maher MLC
Attorney-General

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Dear Attorney

As you probably know I met with your Chief of Staff recently and, among other things, we discussed the Reimbursement of Legal Fees Policy (Schedule 5 of the ICAC Act) introduced by last year's amendments. We also touched on the likelihood of debate about integrity agencies continuing throughout the year as a result of the introduction of legislation to establish a federal integrity agency. Discussion in the public arena about this suggests that the new National Anti-Corruption Commission will have a much broader jurisdiction than does my agency.

Against this background, and bearing in mind that in terms of required amendments to the South Australian legislation, the Ombudsman, Director of the Office for Public Integrity and I do not speak with one voice, I suggest it would be appropriate to commission an independent review of the relevant legislation, namely the ICAC Act and Ombudsman Act. My proposal is that this commence after the amendments have been in place for one year.

I would be pleased to discuss this further with you at our meeting on Tuesday 16 August 2022.

Yours sincerely

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