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To: Everyone
Subject: MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

Dear All,

I wish to advise that I have today notified Ms Shannon Fentiman MP, Attorney-General, of my resignation as Chairperson of the CCC. My last day will be this Friday 28 January 2022.

You have been very supportive of me personally in my performance of this role, particularly over the last number of months and for that I will always be grateful.

As I have said publicly on a number of occasions, one of the main challenges in this role is in communicating the value in having a CCC which ultimately promotes and safeguards integrity, transparency and accountability. For all of us who work in this field, the answer is obvious.

However, we also know that there are those, often the subjects of our investigations or those who support them, who actively seek to undermine every attempt we make to bring them to account or expose their conduct.

It seems to me that the current media reporting has reached a stage where it is becoming a serious distraction to our ability to simply do our work. More concerningly, the negative reporting also has the capacity to begin to undermine public confidence in the CCC.

I believe the CCC is a wonderful organisation with great potential. That potential can only be realised if it's most valuable asset, namely it's people, each and every one of you, continue to step up, engage with and commit to the critically important purpose at the heart of the work of the CCC. The collective effort of the team, the 1 CCC, is what makes the difference.

As you all know, the CCC itself is in a healthy state. Any objective analysis of where it has come from, what it has achieved and the direction in which it is currently heading would support that contention. You should all be rightly proud of the many and significant achievements of the CCC over the many years since it's creation post the Fitzgerald Inquiry.

For my part, I can sincerely say that this has been the best job I have ever had. It has been challenging on occasions as all worthwhile endeavours are but I consider it an honour to have had the opportunity to lead you for as long as I have.

Given the short timeframe and the Covid issues we currently face, it is unlikely that I will get to personally see enough of you but I can assure you that I will continue to take an interest in your work and I wish you all the success you so rightly deserve.

Kind Regards,
Alan