

About the CMC

Who we are

The Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) is an independent statutory body, established under the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* (Qld) to fight major crime, promote public sector integrity and protect witnesses.

The CMC came into existence on 1 January 2002 with the merger of the Criminal Justice Commission and the Queensland Crime Commission.

The CMC is led by a five-member group referred to as 'the Commission', comprising a full-time Commissioner who is the Chairperson (and the Chief Executive Officer) and four part-time Commissioners who represent the community.

Our powers

The Crime and Misconduct Act gives the CMC powers to gather vital evidence and information to combat crime and misconduct falling within our jurisdiction. These include a range of search, surveillance and seizure powers as well as the power to conduct coercive hearings.

Our main partners

We work closely with Australian state and national law enforcement agencies, particularly the Queensland Police Service (QPS), as well as cooperating with Australasian and international agencies in relation to crime, corruption, intelligence and witness protection.

Our peer agencies in Australia include the Independent Commission against Corruption (NSW), the Office of Police Integrity (Victoria), the Corruption and Crime Commission (Western Australia) and the Integrity Commission (Tasmania).

What we do

The CMC is a unique organisation in Australia. With investigative, law enforcement, intelligence, witness protection, policy review and research functions, we encompass almost all aspects of the criminal justice system.

Combating major crime

We investigate serious and organised crime such as drug trafficking, fraud, money laundering and networked paedophilia.

We conduct coercive hearings and intercept telecommunications in investigating crime, disrupting criminal syndicates and confiscating proceeds of crime. Our work complements that of other state, national and international law enforcement agencies.

Combating misconduct

We receive and investigate allegations of misconduct to ensure that Queensland's public institutions are accountable for their conduct.

We also work with public sector agencies to ensure they and their employees receive clear, consistent and practical advice about integrity issues and misconduct prevention.

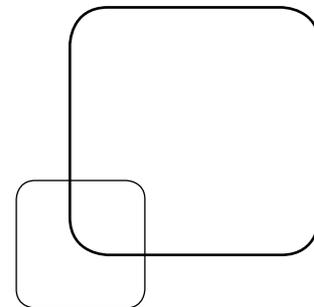
Protecting witnesses

We provide protection for eligible people in danger as a result of helping a Queensland law enforcement agency.

In our fight against crime and corruption, it is imperative that we keep witnesses and informants safe as their evidence is vital for successful prosecutions and the suppression of major crimes.

Policy review and research

The CMC has a strong commitment to evidence-based reform and our recommendations for legislative, policy and practice change in fields such as crime, criminal justice, policing and public sector misconduct are underpinned by our research findings.



Our resources

As at 30 June 2012, the CMC had 357.5 full-time equivalent staff, including lawyers, investigators, sworn police officers, social scientists, financial investigators, intelligence analysts, information technology and surveillance specialists, administrators and support officers.

Our total revenue for 2011–12 was \$50.44m (our main source of revenue is the operating grant received from the Queensland Government). (See pages 72–118 for more detail.)

Accountability

Although independent of the government of the day, the CMC is fully accountable to the people of Queensland through the Parliamentary Crime and Misconduct Committee (PCMC). This is an all-party committee that monitors and reviews our activity and deals with complaints against us. The CMC provides budgetary information to the Department of Justice and Attorney-General and two half-yearly performance reports to the Minister.

Queensland Government objectives for the community

The CMC's objectives and services (see page 8) contribute to keeping our children safe; our institutions, politicians and public officials ethical and accountable; our police honest; and our communities as free as possible of corruption and major crime in accordance with the Queensland Government's objectives for the community, to revitalise frontline services and restore accountability in government.

Our vision

That the CMC make a unique contribution to protecting Queenslanders from crime and promoting a trustworthy public sector

Our purpose

To combat major crime and promote public sector integrity

Our values

- Integrity
 - Accountability
 - Respect
 - Excellence and innovation
 - Collaboration
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