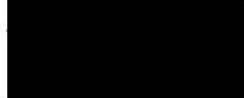


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Dear Mr MacSporran

Submission regarding Publicising Allegations of Corrupt Conduct

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission regarding the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) review of whether, on balance, it is in the public interest to make allegations of corrupt conduct public. I have been asked by Council's Chief Executive Officer Mr Craig Barke to make a submission to this review on behalf of Council.

I am writing in support of the current legislative position contained in the provisions of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (the Act) dealing with transparency of complaints.

The interests of transparency of decision making and preventing and detecting crime and corruption are, on balance, the most important factors when dealing with allegations of crime and corruption in the public sphere and the current legislative provisions effectively strike this balance.

The offences of making a frivolous complaint or an improper complaint (sections 216 and 216A of the Act) provide significant penalties for unfounded complaints made as an abuse of process.

On the balance of the public interest, the current provisions contained in the Act provide sufficient deterrence to persons who would seek to misuse the due process whilst at the same time preserving transparency by making information regarding complaints available to the public.

I look forward to the outcome of your review and appreciate the opportunity to provide this submission for your consideration.

Yours faithfully



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