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Dear Alan,

Re: Publicising Corrupt Conduct Allegations Discussion Paper feedback

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the discussion paper.

The Queensland Police Union (QPU) represents over 11,650 members consisting of police officers, police liaison officers and assistant watchhouse officers.

The QPU is of the view that publicising allegations particularly when it pertains to police is often a very easy thing to do and in recent times, it has been our experience that this practice has often gone hand in hand with the actual making of a complaint.

Our view is that the very publishing of untested allegations is becoming more and more prevalent and is being manipulated by complainants to apply additional pressure on investigating bodies.

Now that the bar has again been lowered to make a complaint, with the removal of the requirement to provide a statutory declaration to accompany a complaint to the CCC, the QPU prefers an approach where all complaints remain confidential by the body to whom the complaint is lodged, ie: CCC, QPS, a government department, and by the complainant.

Obviously there may be some circumstances where investigating bodies deem it appropriate to release information regarding a complaint and this could be done under strict guidelines.

Accordingly, the QPU also contends that provisions such as those contained in section 102F of the *Justices Act 1886*, notwithstanding amendments to include circumstances where investigating bodies may under certain circumstances release information, should also apply to cover the publication of allegations of corrupt conduct.

I am available to discuss this matter at any time and willing to appear at public hearings on this topic.

Yours sincerely



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GENERAL PRESIDENT & CEO

