

Corruption priorities:

How they guide our work

The Crime and Corruption Commission regularly sets corruption priorities to help focus our activities. They are also an important element of our approach to assessing, investigating and helping to prevent corruption across Queensland's public sector agencies.

These priorities are informed by our operational work, data analysis, intelligence gathering and research activities, as well as through engagement with our stakeholders.

The current corruption priorities are:



Corruption in the use of confidential information to facilitate a serious offence

Public sector employees have a responsibility to protect and respect personal information. Breaching the trust Queenslanders place in public sector agencies to deal with their information in a sensitive way can be corruption and can have very real consequences, especially when this information is used to facilitate a serious offence.



Corruption in grant funding, regulation and licensing

State and local government bodies regulate a number of important activities and industries and are responsible for distributing large amounts of public funds through grants and assistance programs. Corruption within grant funding, regulation and licensing can have significant impacts on the health and safety of individuals, the community and the environment, and lead to the misuse of public funds.



Corruption by elected officials

Elected officials, both local and state government, are entrusted with enormous decision-making authority. Whether it be to benefit themselves or someone else, corruption by elected officials can have significant impacts and damage public confidence. The public expects that the people elected to serve their community are fair and trustworthy, and that any decisions made are in the best interest of the Queensland community.





Corruption in recruitment involving senior executive positions or above

Senior executives have considerable authority and influence over decisions about public policy, the allocation of public funds, and what initiatives the government focuses on. Queenslanders expect public institutions to operate in the interests of the community they serve. Recruiting people with the right skills, qualifications, and standards of integrity ensures the efficient use of public funds and safeguards the public interest against personal interests and other forms of corruption in recruitment.



Corruption in complex procurement, including major infrastructure and development projects

Significant public funds are spent every year on major infrastructure and development initiatives. Procuring the private sector to undertake work on behalf of the government increases vulnerability to corruption, especially when it is complex due to the size, nature, value, or sensitivities of the procurement activity. Ensuring public money is used efficiently, and the awarding of contracts is free from improper influence, favouritism or bribery is critical to maintaining public confidence in the public sector.



Corruption through excessive force against a young person, including in watch-houses and detention centres

When a police officer or public sector employee uses excessive force against a young person it can be police misconduct or corruption. The public expects that vulnerable people, like a young person, are not exposed to unlawful or excessive use of force - particularly during interactions with police, or while detained in watch-houses or youth detention centres. If left unchecked it can lead to serious and systemic corruption and directly affect the welfare of young persons.



Corruption through police responses to, and perpetration of, domestic and family violence

Domestic and family violence has a substantial impact on the Queensland community. Recent inquiries have highlighted systemic issues with Queensland Police Service's policing of domestic and family violence incidents and concerns about how domestic and family violence incidents perpetrated by police officers are investigated. Focusing on this issue, helps ensure instances of police misconduct and corruption are responded to and investigated appropriately.

If you have questions about the corruption priorities, please contact corruption.engagement@ccc.qld.gov.au.