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Good afternoon,

Please find attached correspondence from Mr Alan MacSporran QC for the Attorney.

Kind regards,



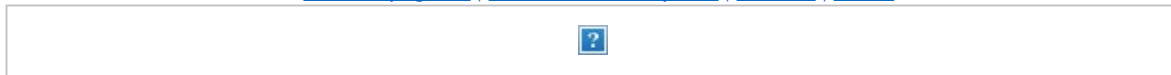
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Dear Attorney,

I write to inform you of my decision to resign my position as Chairperson of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), effective from close of business on Friday 28 January 2022.

Many people have urged me to continue in this important role, despite the recent finding contained in the report of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (PCCC) and the continued criticism of myself and the CCC in the media. However, I find myself in a position where, despite an extensive career spanning in excess of 40 years where my honesty and integrity have never been questioned, it is clear to me that the relationship between myself and the PCCC has broken down irretrievably.

This is not an outcome of my choosing.

In the CCC statement of 2 December 2021 following the tabling of the PCCC report, we stated that we looked forward to an ongoing and productive relationship with the PCCC. In any event, it does not matter how the relationship broke down, the objective fact is that it has and that in turn is not good for the PCCC, the CCC or indeed the Queensland community.

All of this saddens me deeply.

The CCC itself remains in a healthy state in my view. Any objective assessment of where it has come from, what it has achieved and the direction in which it is currently heading would confirm that view.

Regrettably, it seems to me that all too often, the media reporting of matters either fails to understand the objective facts or chooses to ignore them. Whatever the reason, such reporting distracts from the valuable contribution the work of the CCC makes to public life in Queensland. The CCC is not about any single individual, it is about the collective team effort to achieve its critically important purpose.

I sincerely hope that my resignation may provide some clear air for the CCC to simply get on with its important work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. MacSporran', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Alan MacSporran QC**  
Chairperson