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## **Police, Major Crime and Whistleblowers Legislation Amendment Bill 2008**

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## Bills, Acts & Regulations

[Police, Major Crime and Whistleblowers Legislation Amendment Bill 2008](#)

[Explanatory Memorandum](#) and [Statement of Compatibility](#) and Minister's [Second Reading](#)

[Police Regulation Act 1958](#)

[Police Integrity Act 2008](#)

[Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001](#)

[Major Crime \(Special Investigations Monitor\) Act 2004](#)

[Police Regulations 2003](#)

## Background Documents

[Report by the Special Investigations Monitor](#) pursuant to section 86ZM of the Police Regulation Act 1958(as amended) and section 105M of the Whistleblowers Protection Act 2001(as amended)

[Report by the Special Investigations Monitor](#) pursuant to s. 62 of the Major Crime (Investigative Powers) Act 2004 / Office of the Special Investigations Monitor.

Office of Police Integrity [Reports](#)

[Community satisfaction with police](#) (Australian Institute of Criminology)

## Organisations

[Victoria Police](#)

The [Office of Police Integrity](#) (OPI) was established in November 2004 by the Victorian Government to ensure that the highest ethical and professional standards are maintained within the Victoria Police at all times. Its role is also to ensure that police corruption and serious misconduct is detected, investigated and prevented and to ensure that members of Victoria Police have regard to the human rights set out in the Charter of Human Rights & Responsibilities.

The [Office of the Special Investigations Monitor](#) was created by section 4 of the *Major Crime (Special Investigations Monitor) Act 2004* which commenced operation on 16 November 2004.

[Special Investigations Monitor Annual Report 2006-07](#)

The [Australian Institute of Criminology](#) is Australia's leading national research and knowledge centre on crime and justice. The Institute seeks to promote justice and reduce crime by undertaking and communicating evidence-based research to inform policy and practice. The AIC's has some useful resources relating to [Policing ethics and performance](#).

## Anti-Corruption Bodies

[Australian Crime Commission](#) (ACC) is a Commonwealth statutory body working nationally with other federal, state and territory agencies to counter serious and organised crime.

VIC [Ombudsman Victoria](#)

WA [Corruption & Crime Commission](#)

NSW [Independent Commission Against Corruption](#)

NSW [Corruption Prevention Network](#)

NSW [Police Integrity Commission](#)

QLD [Crime & Misconduct Commission](#) & [Office of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner](#)

### Overseas bodies

[Hong Kong ICAC](#)

[Transparency International](#) is a global organisation which aims to eliminating corruption throughout the world.

[Independent Police Complaints Commission](#) United Kingdom

[Commission to Combat Police Corruption](#) New York

## Media

Victorian Government [media releases](#)

Office of Police Integrity [media releases](#)

Australian Crime Commission [media releases](#)

NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) [media releases](#)

UK Independent Police Complaints Commission [press releases](#)

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