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Integrity and Oversight Committee

IBAC inquiry report tabled

The Victorian Parliament's Integrity and Oversight Committee presented its report today on its inquiry into the legislative framework for the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC).

The purpose of the inquiry was to understand whether the legislative framework governing IBAC is fit-for-purpose, adequately supports IBAC's mandate, and if reform is needed.

The report makes 31 recommendations addressed to the Victorian Government and IBAC.

"At a time when public trust in public institutions is falling, it's important that Victorians know we have an active anti-corruption agency with no less power than in any other part of Australia. That's why these recommendations are vital" said Committee Chair, Dr Tim Read.

The Committee's recommendations include:

- The definition of 'corrupt conduct' in the IBAC Act be broadened, to include matters involving a serious disciplinary offence, misconduct worthy of termination or other relevant offences.
- Provide proportionate funding to IBAC to support the expansion of the definition of 'corrupt conduct'.
- Amend the IBAC Act to provide the IBAC Commissioner with powers comparable to the Victorian Auditor General including:
 - Investigation of corrupt conduct of third party and private subcontractors where there is a substantial connection between alleged corrupt conduct and government funding; and
 - Follow-the-dollar investigatory powers.
- Permit IBAC to hold public inquiries on its educative and preventive functions.
- Undertake a comprehensive review of Victoria's current Public Interest Disclosure scheme.
- That IBAC be required to prioritise the investigation of 'serious police misconduct' alongside 'serious corrupt conduct' and 'systemic corrupt conduct'.
- IBAC establish a dedicated Police Corruption and Misconduct Division.
- Amend the IBAC Act to empower IBAC to make findings of corrupt conduct.
- That IBAC, in consultation with Gellung Warl, establish a dedicated, appropriately resourced Aboriginal Engagement Unit led by a First Nations leader.

The report is available on the Committee's [web page](#)

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