



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA  
Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Committee

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# **New inquiry on external oversight of police corruption and misconduct – call for submissions**

The Victorian Parliament's IBAC Committee has commenced a public inquiry into the external oversight of police corruption and misconduct.

The inquiry will examine the current oversight system, particularly the role of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission and the Victorian Inspectorate.

"The effective and impartial investigation of complaints against police is vital to the proper functioning of our democratic system of government," said IBAC Committee Chair, Kim Wells.

"Parliament has an important responsibility to check how well the system for handling and investigating complaints about police in Victoria is working."

Issues being examined as part of the inquiry's terms of reference include:

- best practice oversight models
- challenges faced by those overseeing police and by complainants
- strategies to improve oversight.

"In a report tabled in February last year on strengthening Victoria's anti-corruption agencies, the Committee noted concerns that had been raised about investigation of complaints against police," Mr Wells said.

"This new inquiry fulfils the commitment we made to consider these matters in detail," he said.

"We are inviting both specialist input and community submissions to our inquiry to ensure that we get the breadth of evidence we need to assess how the current system is working and make any suggestions for improvements."

**The Committee does not have the power to investigate individual complaints.**

"We will be looking at the efficiency and effectiveness of the complaints system and will also consider the experience of other jurisdictions," Mr Wells said.

Submissions are welcome until 3 August 2017.

The terms of reference and more details on the inquiry are available from the Committee's [website](#).

For media comment, contact the Committee Chair, the Hon Kim Wells MP on 8682 2810.

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