



PARLIAMENT OF VICTORIA
Integrity and Oversight Committee

MEDIA RELEASE

Report on performance of Victorian integrity agencies recommends enhancements

The Victorian Parliament's Integrity and Oversight Committee has today presented its [report](#) on the performance of Victoria's integrity agencies.

The Committee has made eight recommendations to improve the agencies' performance of their key statutory functions. This includes increasing the accessibility and transparency of reporting to the public.

The report focuses on the annual reports of the Victorian Inspectorate (VI), the Victorian Ombudsman (VO), the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner and the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) during 2017/18 and 2018/19. The report includes the evidence provided by the agency heads at public hearings held earlier this year.

In the report, the Committee also addresses its new role regarding the budget independence of the VO, the VI and IBAC.

The Committee recognises the important and dedicated work that the staff of the agencies undertake to help ensure that the Victorian public sector acts lawfully, ethically and in the public interest.

"We reviewed the performance of these four agencies in handling complaints, undertaking investigations and building the public sector's capacity to effectively address corruption and misconduct," Committee Chair Steve McGhie MP said.

"The Committee's recommendations will help to ensure that our integrity system and the agencies that underpin it remain accountable, robust and transparent," Mr McGhie said.

The report is available on the Committee's [website](#).

Issued: 10 December 2020