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Chair
Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption

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Dear Mr Tudehope,

SUBJECT: Review of the 2016-17 Annual Report of the ICAC

I refer to the Committee's recent report on its *Review of the 2016-17 Annual Reports of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption*.

I thank the Committee for this report and note its recommendations, in particular Recommendation 1:

That in its future Annual Reports, the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) include details of:

- *the specific areas of the public sector found by the ICAC to be at high risk of corruption as a result of the proactive exercise of ICAC's jurisdiction;*
- *any areas of emerging and potential public sector corruption risk, identified by the ICAC as a result of proactive exercise of its jurisdiction; and*
- *the high level details of the methodologies, systems and processes used by the ICAC in proactively exercising its jurisdiction.*

The above recommendation is of course an appropriate one given the Commission's development of an intelligence-led proactive approach in the performance of its functions under the ICAC Act. That approach is designed, amongst other matters, to ensure that emerging trends are identified, especially in high-risk areas of corruption that require intervention through appropriate and effective counter-measures and corruption control strategies.

Recommendation 1, once implemented, represents an appropriate means for identifying emerging trends and high-risk areas of corruption that require effective corruption control strategies.

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The Commission's proactive approach involves the combined work of its investigative operations (including, in particular, the Commission's Strategic Intelligence and Research Unit) and the work of its Corruption Prevention Division. As the third dot point to Recommendation 1 reflects, public discussion or exposure of the methodologies, systems and processes used by the Commission in proactively exercising its jurisdiction needs to be limited or at a "high level" in order to ensure that the integrity and effectiveness of its operations is maintained.

Accordingly, in relation to the Commission's future Annual Reports, I will ensure that the necessary steps are taken to implement Recommendation 1.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hall', is written over the printed name.

The Hon Peter Hall QC
Chief Commissioner

15th November 2018