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**New Inquiry: Review of the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994***

The parliamentary Committee on the Ombudsman, the Police Integrity Commission and the Crime Commission will conduct a review of the Public Interest Disclosures Act, the Chair of the Committee, Mr Lee Evans, announced today.

This follows the Committee's completion of its review of annual reports of oversight agencies which was tabled on Thursday, 23 June.

"The Parliament referred the review of the Public Interest Disclosures Act to the Committee on 1 June", Mr Evans said. "The intention is for the Committee to receive submissions during July and hold hearings in the second half of the year."

"According to the terms of reference, the Committee will focus its inquiry on whether the amendments made by the *Protected Disclosures Amendment (Public Interest Disclosures) Act 2010* were effective. In addition, the Committee will look at whether the structures supporting the public interest disclosures scheme are still appropriate," Mr Evans continued. "The Premier also asked the Committee to give consideration to the Public Interest Disclosures Steering Committee's Review of the Commonwealth Public Interest Disclosure legislation."

Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee's webpage at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ombudsmanpic>

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