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ICAC Committee report released: Review of the ICAC Inspector's 2014-15 and 2015-16 Annual Reports

Mr Damien Tudehope MP, Chair of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) said today the newly appointed ICAC Commissioners should develop procedural fairness guidelines for the conduct of ICAC's public inquiries, as a matter of priority.

This was one of three recommendations in the Committee's report reviewing the ICAC Inspector's 2014-15 and 2015-16 annual reports. The report was tabled in Parliament today.

The report also recommends the ICAC develop a formal policy to advise people subject to ICAC investigations, as early as possible, where they will not be the subject of adverse findings. "This will help prevent sleepless nights for those who have not engaged in wrongdoing" said Mr Tudehope.

In addition, the report recommends the ICAC and its Inspector review their memorandum of understanding as soon as possible. "A productive working relationship between the ICAC and its Inspector is essential for effective oversight of ICAC" said Mr Tudehope. "This recommendation will assist liaison between their offices".

Other significant issues discussed in the report are:

- the resourcing of the ICAC Inspectorate;
- the importance of the Inspector's audit function; and
- the disclosure of confidential information obtained during an ICAC investigation.

For media comment, please contact Damien Tudehope MP on (02) 9877 0266. A copy of the report can be found at the inquiry webpage:

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/committees/inquiries/Pages/inquiry-details.aspx?pk=2399>.