



PARLIAMENT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
COMMITTEE ON THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

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Committee to review aspects of the ICAC Act

On 9 June 2022, the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) adopted a new inquiry to review and report on aspects of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* to determine whether the Act continues to be effective and appropriate.

The Committee will review the current time standards in place for the ICAC to finalise reports and will review the relevant practices in other jurisdictions. The Committee will also consider the appropriateness and effectiveness of the existing mechanism of judicial review. Finally, the Committee will review the role and powers of the Inspector of the ICAC.

"The Committee understands that there can be a lengthy amount of time between the end of an ICAC hearing and the furnishing of a report and that this has an effect on individuals involved. The Committee was concerned about this in its recent report on reputational impact and recommended a review of whether time standards should be in place for the ICAC to finalise reports," said Committee Chair The Hon Leslie Williams MP.

"The Committee's recent reputational impact report also recommended a review of the Inspector of the ICAC's powers under the ICAC Act and the existing mechanism of judicial review. The Committee understands the importance of following on from its report and conducting these reviews," said Mrs Williams MP.

In November 2021, the Committee tabled a report in NSW Parliament, *Reputational impact on an individual being adversely named in the ICAC's investigations*. The Committee was concerned that the passage of time between any final hearing and the delivery of a report in a matter by the ICAC can take a number of years. In the report, the Committee recommended a review of the existing mechanism of judicial review as well as the Inspector of the ICAC's powers under the ICAC Act.

Further information, including the inquiry's terms of reference and how to make a submission, can be found on the Committee's webpage: [Review of aspects of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/committees/committee-on-the-independent-commission-against-corruption)

The closing date for submissions is Friday 29 July 2022.

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