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### **Inquiry into prosecutions arising from Independent Commission Against Corruption investigations**

The issue of prosecutions arising from Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) investigations is to be examined in an inquiry conducted by the Committee on the ICAC.

The Chair of the Committee, Mr Greg Smith SC MP, said that “The ICAC plays an enormously important role in uncovering and exposing corrupt behaviour; it is important to ensure that there is an appropriate outcome if someone has been found to have acted corruptly.”

“The Committee will seek input from legal experts, academics, investigative bodies in New South Wales and other states and the wider community on ways to strengthen current processes.”

The Committee will explore issues including: whether current processes can be improved to ensure that prosecutions can go ahead; the current functions of the ICAC and whether they require amending to prioritise the assembling of admissible evidence for criminal prosecution; and whether there is a need to create new criminal offences that capture corrupt conduct.

The Committee is inviting submissions to the inquiry. Submissions can be emailed to [icaccommittee@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:icaccommittee@parliament.nsw.gov.au), lodged on the Committee’s website at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/icac](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/icac) or mailed to: The Chair, Committee on the Independent Commission against Corruption, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

The closing date for submissions is **Friday 1 August 2014**.

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