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

MEDIA RELEASE

Inquiry into the protection of public sector whistleblower employees

Mr Frank Terenzini, Chair of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption announced today that the Committee is commencing its inquiry into the protection of public sector whistleblower employees and will be calling for submissions as part of the initial stage of the inquiry.

“Both Houses of Parliament have referred to the Committee, which is a joint statutory committee, an inquiry into the effectiveness of current laws, practices and procedures in protecting whistleblower employees who make allegations against government officials and members of Parliament”, Mr Terenzini said.

“The Committee is in the initial planning stages of the inquiry and has resolved to publicly advertise the inquiry and call for submissions. The advertisement will be placed in the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Daily Telegraph* on Wednesday, 23 July 2008 and the closing date for submissions will be Wednesday, 20 August 2008. This gives interested individuals and organisations four weeks to make their submissions, which is the usual timeframe that applies to committee inquiries.”

A copy of the advertisement is attached for information.

Mr Terenzini explained that, “The Committee will be interested to receive submissions on the terms of reference for the inquiry and will convene as soon as possible after the closing date to deliberate on the submissions made and resolve on the conduct of the next stage of the inquiry.”

“The Committee will be deliberating further on the inquiry in August and a timetable will be released shortly detailing anticipated hearing dates for the next stage of the inquiry”.

Information about how to make a submission to a parliamentary committee inquiry is available on the Parliament’s website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au or by request from the Secretariat on 9230 2062.

For additional comments, please contact the Committee Chair, Mr Frank Terenzini MP, on 0447 112 270.



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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SECTOR
WHISTLEBLOWER EMPLOYEES**

The Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption, which is a joint statutory committee, is to inquire into and report on the effectiveness of current laws, practices and procedures in protecting whistleblower employees who make allegations against government officials and members of Parliament.

The Committee is inviting submissions as part of the inquiry. Closing date for submissions: **Wednesday 20 August 2008**. For further details go to the Committee's website: www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/icac or phone Helen Minnican on 9230 2062.

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Chair