INQUIRY INTO PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SECTOR WHISTLEBLOWER EMPLOYEES

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Re: Response to Parliamentary Committee Proposals

This paper is a brief response to your proposal. It may be more personal than you would like but I urge you to read it anyway.

Positive proposal:

It is positive that the Committee has proposed an independent overseeing body. Public servants will never properly scrutinise other public servants.

Shortcomings of the proposals:

I can not see that the proposals properly emphasise that reprisals will always be “industrial” in nature and that there must be mechanisms to distinguish actual reprisals from regular industrial issues.
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