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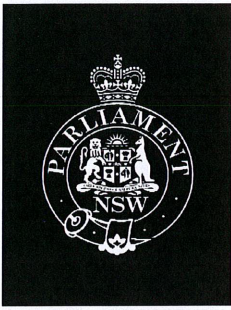
REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

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Dear Mr Coure

Thank you for your invitation to contribute to the Parliamentary Privilege and Ethics Committee's review of the Members' Code of Conduct.

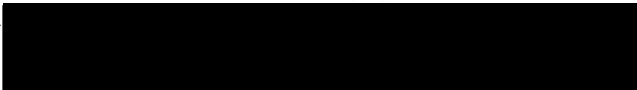
I refer you to the 2014 Legislative Council Privileges Committee report entitled 'Recommendations of the ICAC regarding aspects of the *Code of Conduct for Members*, the interest disclosure regime and a parliamentary investigator.'

This report made eight recommendations, and in summary these encompassed:

- The adoption of a new clause in the Code of Conduct for Members dealing comprehensively with improper influence by members;
- Amendment of the interest disclosure regime to move away from the current system of six monthly disclosure returns to a system of exception reporting, whereby members report changes in their interests as and when they occur;
- Amendment of the interest disclosure regime to require disclosure by members of the interests of their spouses/partners and dependent children;
- The adoption of a Commissioner for Standards in New South Wales, based on the model adopted in the UK Parliament.

I trust that this is of assistance and I look forward to discussing these issues with you.

Yours sincerely


Hon Matthew Mason-Cox
Chair