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Dear Mr Shoebridge,

Inquiry into NSW Government grant programs

Thank you for inviting me to appear before the Committee on 16 October 2020. At this time, I do not have anything further to add to the remarks I made before the Committee.

In the Commission's view, work of the Committee represents a valuable opportunity to improve integrity of government grants schemes. In particular, it would be in the public interest to consider and define clear standards for making grants that have political objectives. Elected officials, including Ministers, would benefit from clear rules about when and under what circumstances they may exercise discretion.

If the Commission can assist your Committee to advance this important work in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Peter Hall QC
Chief Commissioner

 November 2020

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