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**INQUIRY INTO BUDGET PROCESS FOR INDEPENDENT
OVERSIGHT BODIES AND THE PARLIAMENT OF NEW
SOUTH WALES**

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Hi,

Thanks for the opportunity to lodge a submission on this matter.

I believe that if NSW wants to continue to be considered a democratic state, it is essential watchdog organisations are given the resources they need to fully investigate issues which crop up. It is a core part of the government's job to ensure the police are acting within the law, and the best way to ensure this happens is having a robust system of checks and balances which people can rely on. We do not want NSW to slip back into the bad old days of high crime rates, high levels of police corruption and a low level of public trust in the police.

How is it possible to trust the police if they are able to act with impunity due to an underfunded watchdog?

Thanks,