



# Premier of New South Wales Minister for Western Sydney



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Dear Presiding Officers

I write in relation to the following two Parliamentary Reports ("the Reports"):

- The Report of the Legislative Council Privileges Committee titled *Recommendations of the ICAC regarding aspects of the Code of Conduct for Members, the interest disclosure regime and a parliamentary investigator*; and
- The Report of the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Privileges and Ethics titled *Inquiry into matters arising from the ICAC Report entitled "reducing the opportunities and incentives for corruption in the state's management of coal resources."*

As you are aware, since the tabling of both Reports, the new NSW Ministerial Code of Conduct commenced on 20 September 2014 and is an applicable Code for the purposes of section 9 of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*.

The Government agrees broadly with the directions for reform contained in the Reports, and considers that the new arrangements proposed in these Reports should apply consistently to Members of both Houses of Parliament.

The recommendations in the Reports differ in some key respects, including in relation to issues that require the Government to take action (e.g. in relation to possible amendments to the *Constitution (Disclosures by Members) Regulation 1983*.)

The Government requests that the Houses of Parliament work together to provide the Government with a single set of recommendations covering the matters canvassed in the Reports.

Further, the Government is open to considering other reforms that may assist in improving the integrity, transparency or operations of the Parliament, should they arise in your

deliberations. However, any additional matters that arise should be the subject of a separate report if the Houses require additional time to consider these matters.

At the appropriate time, I would request that you arrange for the tabling of this letter in your respective Houses. I thank you for your assistance with the above and look forward to receiving your joint response in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Premier