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Dear Ms Minnican

Report No. 3/57 of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption

Thank you for your letter, received 13 August 2021, about the tabling of Report No. 3/57 of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption. I am writing to respond to recommendation 4 of that report.

On 4 December 2020, the Commonwealth Government adopted Recommendation 75 of the [Comprehensive Review of the Legal Framework of the National Intelligence Community Report \(NIC Review Report\)](#), and agreed to repeal and replace existing electronic surveillance legislation including: the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979* (Cth); the *Surveillance Devices Act 2004* (Cth); and parts of the *Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979* (Cth) with a single overarching Act.

In its [response to the NIC Review Report](#), the Commonwealth Government committed to consulting widely with key stakeholders, including state and territory agencies, oversight bodies, public interest groups and the public, during the reform process. I am advised that, at this stage, the Commonwealth has not commenced consultation with NSW Government stakeholders and the public.

The NIC Review Report and the Commonwealth's response can be accessed online at the following locations:

<https://www.ag.gov.au/national-security/publications/report-comprehensive-review-legal-framework-national-intelligence-community>

<https://www.ag.gov.au/national-security/publications/government-response-comprehensive-review-legal-framework-national-intelligence-community>

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely

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