



Premier of Western Australia

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Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
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Matthew
Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 22 November 2018 regarding concerns about the Public Service Commission raised in the petition tabled by Hon Robin Chapple MLC in the Legislative Council on 9 October 2018 and referred to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs.

The Public Service Commission is under new leadership with the appointment of Ms Sharyn O'Neill as Commissioner in July 2018. Ms O'Neill is implementing a suite of reforms informed by recent independent reviews of the commission and the public sector as a whole.

I note that the independent review of the commission tabled in Parliament in October 2018 did not find that the Commission has failed to meet its obligations on minor misconduct matters. In addition, the Commission has been the subject of a Public Accounts Committee report as recently as 2014. On this basis, I do not see the need for another inquiry focused on the Public Service Commission.

Yours sincerely

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PREMIER; MINISTER FOR PUBLIC SECTOR MANAGEMENT

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