

**ATTORNEY GENERAL; MINISTER FOR COMMERCE**

Our Ref: 44-10148

Hon Nick Goiran MLC  
Chairman  
Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission  
Parliament House  
Harvest Terrace  
PERTH WA 6000



Dear Chair

**RESPONSE TO JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT NO. 10**

I note the tabling of the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission's Report No 10 on "WA Police's use of Part 4 exceptional powers' in the Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003".

My response on behalf of the Government is as follows:

**Recommendation 1**

*The Attorney General should amend the definition of organised crime within the Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003. A new definition should allow WA Police to apply for Part 4 powers to include suspected crime or a crime that is likely to occur.*

I note this recommendation and will give consideration to the inclusion of an amendment to broaden the scope of the definition of organised crime within a package of amendments to be put to Cabinet in the near future.

However, as regards any further amendments that relate to the Corruption and Crime Commission's (CCC's) role in serious and organised crime I will defer further consideration until the full impact of new legislation, including the *Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 (WA)* and the *Criminal Organisations Control Act 2012 (WA)*, together with improvements to the CCC's application process and costs can be properly assessed.

**Recommendation 2**

*The Attorney General amend the Corruption and Crime Commission Act 2003 to prevent the re-fortification of premises previously dismantled by WA Police.*

I note this recommendation and will give full consideration to its inclusion in a package of amendments to be put to Cabinet in the near future.

**Recommendation 3**

*The Corruption and Crime Commission ensure that their annual compliance reports on the use of the Criminal Investigation (Covert Powers) Act 2012 identify the date that it has been provided to the relevant Minister.*

I note this recommendation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Mischin". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Hon. Michael Mischin MLC  
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