



## Special Commission of Inquiry New South Wales Crime Commission

Mr David Patten has been appointed as Special Commissioner to inquire into and report on the following matters relating to the New South Wales Crime Commission:

1. Whether the New South Wales Crime Commission is complying with the *New South Wales Crime Commission Act 1988* and the *Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990* in the exercise of its functions.

In this matter, the Commission:

- a. may examine particular operational decisions of the New South Wales Crime Commission to the extent that these decisions inform proposals for legislative change; and
  - b. shall refer any evidence that members of staff of the New South Wales Crime Commission or their associates, are or have been, involved in criminal activity or serious misconduct to the Police Integrity Commission.
2. Whether the terms of *New South Wales Crimes Commission Act 1988* and the *Criminal Assets Recovery Act 1990* remain appropriate for securing the objectives of the Acts.
3. As part of the inquiry and report in matter (2), above, specifically consider:
    - a. whether the powers and procedures of the New South Wales Crime Commission are appropriate;
    - b. the adequacy of accountability mechanisms for the New South Wales Crime Commission including, but not limited to, the mechanisms under the *Police Integrity Commission Act 1996* and whether alternative or additional accountability mechanisms should be adopted;
    - c. the New South Wales Crime Commission's Management Committee structure and whether alternative or additional governing body mechanisms should be adopted.

The Commissioner is due to provide a final report on or before 30 November 2011.

In order to ensure that all relevant information is obtained, the Commissioner has been given special powers under sections 22, 23 and 24 of the *Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983* (NSW), on the condition that the appearance of any witness procured under sections 22, 23 or 24 occurs *in camera*.

Interested individuals or organisations are invited to make submissions to the Inquiry. Submissions to the Inquiry should be in writing and lodged with the Inquiry by 4pm on 14 October 2011. Submissions must comply with the Directions for Written Submissions which can be obtained by contacting Denyse Moxham, Secretary of the Inquiry at email address [scicc@justice.nsw.gov.au](mailto:scicc@justice.nsw.gov.au).

Individuals or organisations who are interested in providing assistance to the Inquiry are invited to contact Joanna Davidson, Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry, in writing at the address below in order to inform the Inquiry of their interest, and the extent of assistance which they can provide. Any person who has information and material which is relevant to the Inquiry is



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invited to provide it directly to Denyse Moxham, Secretary of the Inquiry, at the address specified below.

Any person wishing to contact the Inquiry may do so at the address below.

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