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Title: Commonwealth Integrity Commission Consultation Bill 2020

Your details

Organisation: The Police Federation of Australia

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Your submission:

Commonwealth Integrity Commission Consultation Bill 2020

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to this Inquiry. The Police Federation of Australia (PFA) is the National Voice of Policing, with in excess of 64,000 members across every police jurisdiction in Australia.

I have read and strongly support the submission by the Australian Federal Police Association (AFPA), in particular identification of the inconsistencies between the Law Enforcement Division and the Public Sector Division. We therefore likewise strongly agree with the AFPA's proposed "One Rule for All".

In respect to how this Bill relates to police from jurisdictions other than the AFP, we question how they are proposed to be dealt with if they become subject of an investigation through their role in a Joint Taskforce or some form of Joint investigation with the AFP. Has there been or will there be protocols developed for how they will be dealt with by the Commonwealth Integrity Commission in cooperation with any state or territory body of a like structure that exists within their respective jurisdiction? The PFA is keen to ensure there is no likelihood of some form of 'double jeopardy', should an officer from another jurisdiction be subject of an investigation by the CIC.

We look forward to hearing the views of the Attorney General's Department in respect to the issues we have raised before any proposed legislation is introduced into the Parliament.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Weber', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Scott Weber APM
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12 February 2021