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For Rachel to consider please

The CCC have confirmed support for the statement as outlined below. Exempt Sch.3(7) Legal Professional Privilege

For your consideration .

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Proposed Statement by Robert Setter, Chief Executive, Public Service Commission

I have a role under legislation to promote integrity and uphold the highest standards of conduct for the public service. I take this role very seriously. I respect the independence of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner.

At all times I have complied with my obligations under legislation, including the Crime and Corruption Act 2001.

Since 2009, Public Service Commission employees have been assigned to work with the Queensland Integrity Commissioner. While the Public Service Commission holds ultimate accountability for these employees, day to day decisions, including recruitment processes and work allocation, are handled by the Integrity Commissioner.

Very serious allegations were raised in the form of written complaints from current and former staff to the Public Service Commission about the conduct of the Queensland Integrity Commissioner and members of the office of the Integrity Commissioner. As it is my statutory obligation under the Crime and Corruption Act 2001, I referred these allegations to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).

At no time did the Public Service Commission "raid" the offices of the Integrity Commissioner. At no time did the Public Service Commission "seize" anything from the Integrity Commissioner for which it was not properly authorised to possess.

I have an obligation under legislation to protect the work health and safety of Public Service Commission employees, including from possible reprisal action, and this includes employees working with the Integrity Commissioner.

With the Director-General of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, this week I communicated to all public servants about their obligation to report possible wrongdoing. I also said that public servants will be protected when they report possible wrongdoing.

I am carrying out my obligations in a way I expect all public servants to.

To protect the integrity of the investigation and to comply with the law, it would not be appropriate to make any further comment.

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