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The Honourable Gerald Edward (Tony) Fitzgerald AC QC  
Chairperson  
Commission of Inquiry relating to the Crime and Corruption Commission  
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Dear Chairperson

We write in relation to the Commission of Inquiry relating to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).

The Queensland Law Society (QLS) has previously responded to inquiries conducted by the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Commission (PCCC) as well as to consultations regarding amendments to the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* and the operation of the CCC.

We would be pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to this inquiry and have **enclosed** our previous submissions to recent PCCC inquiries as a first step:

- Submission to the Inquiry into the Crime and Corruption Commission's performance of its functions to assess and report on complaints about corrupt conduct;
- Submission and supplementary submission to the Review of the Crime and Corruption Commission's activities; and
- Submission to the Inquiry into the Crime and Corruption Commission's investigation of former councillors of Logan City Council.

#### Public hearings

We have seen reports in the media indicating that the inquiry will not hold public hearings. We are concerned by these reports. Public hearings are a vital way for inquiries to obtain and integrate evidence and are therefore a common and essential tool for many inquiries.

Notably, the last inquiry conducted by the PCCC, the "Inquiry into the Crime and Corruption Commission's investigation of former councillors of Logan City Council; and related matters", did not appear to extend invitations to appear at the public hearings to a broad range of stakeholders or individuals. QLS was not invited appear despite providing a written submission.

As stated above, we would be pleased to provide information and advice to the inquiry, including by way of appearance at a public hearing, if this would be of assistance. We also believe there will be benefit in other stakeholders and individuals being afforded this opportunity.

We would be pleased to hear from you on this point and to provide you with any further information you require.

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If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our Legal Policy team via [policy@qls.com.au](mailto:policy@qls.com.au) or by phone on (07) 3842 5930.

Yours faithfully



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**President**