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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Public Hearing – Inquiry into protections for people who make voluntary disclosures to the Independent Commission Against Corruption**

The Chair of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), Mr Damien Tudehope MP, today announced a public hearing for the Committee’s inquiry into protections for people who make voluntary disclosures to the ICAC. It will take place on 7 August 2017.

“The Committee will hear from a range of stakeholders about the adequacy of the current law in protecting people who make voluntary disclosures to the ICAC,” Mr Tudehope said.

The ICAC Inspector, Mr Bruce McClintock SC will give evidence at the hearing, as will the NSW Director of Public Prosecutions; the Acting NSW Ombudsman; the NSW Information Commissioner and witnesses from the Law Society of NSW. The Committee will also hear from interstate stakeholders: the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, South Australia, and the Parliamentary Inspector of the Crime and Corruption Commission, Western Australia.

The *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988* currently protects people from civil or criminal liability for making a disclosure to the ICAC where the ICAC has exercised its power to require them to produce evidence or information. The inquiry is examining whether the law should be amended to extend protections to people who voluntarily disclose information to the ICAC for the purpose of the ICAC’s functions.

The hearing will be held in the Jubilee Room, Parliament House, commencing at 9:15 am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

It is expected that another public hearing for the inquiry will be held on a date to be determined.

For media comment please contact Mr Damien Tudehope MP on (02) 9877 0266. Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee’s webpage at [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/icac](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/icac) or by contacting the Committee Secretariat on (02) 9230 2214.