

# Public Statement

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## **Statement by Emma Townsend Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption**

Today I am honoured to commence as the Commissioner of South Australia's Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Public integrity has been a driving force in my career, and I am looking forward to taking on the challenges involved in identifying, investigating and preventing corruption in public administration.

There will be some time spent in "business as usual" mode as I seek to understand the organisation, its current investigations and projects, and get to know the people. I will be making a submission to the inquiry being conducted by the parliamentary Crime and Public Integrity Policy Committee, into the functions and operations of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 2012*.

I also intend to focus on working with our public integrity partners in South Australia and other jurisdictions to ensure we undertake our work in a way that best serves the public interest and provides public value.

Public officers and members of the public who speak up and report inappropriate conduct remain integral to the public integrity scheme, and to that end I encourage anyone who forms a reasonable suspicion of corruption, to make a report to the Office for Public Integrity.

I would like to thank Mr Benjamin Broyd for his leadership as Acting Commissioner since the departure of my predecessor the Honourable Ann Vanstone KC.

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