



Joint Standing Committee on Integrity

Inquiry into the establishment of a parliamentary privilege protocol between the Parliament of Tasmania and the Integrity Commission Tasmania

MEDIA ADVISORY

SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA AND THE INTEGRITY COMMISSION TASMANIA

Friday, 14 March 2025

On 11 March 2025 the Joint standing Committee on Integrity resolved that the Committee inquire into and report on the development of a protocol between the Integrity Commission, the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly to apply where the Integrity Commission is performing its functions and exercising its powers in circumstances where there are likely to be records, information, material or things that may be immune from production by reason of parliamentary privilege, with particular reference to:

- (a) a draft protocol proposed by the Integrity Commission in 2023;
- (b) similar protocols in other Australian jurisdictions between parliaments and integrity bodies;
- (c) the importance of upholding parliamentary privilege as an essential aspect of the Westminster parliamentary system while balancing the importance of the ability for the Integrity Commission to obtain evidence and conduct investigations; and
- (d) any other matter incidental thereto.

The Committee invites interested persons or organisations to make written submissions to the Committee by the closing date of **Friday, 9 May 2025**. An advertisement calling for submissions will be placed in the three regional newspapers on Saturday, 22 March 2025.

For further information about the Inquiry, please visit the Inquiry website: <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/joint-committees/standing-committees/integrity2/inquiries/inquiry-into-privilege-protocols-between-parliaments-and-integrity-bodies>

A copy of the 2023 proposed draft protocol is available here: https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0015/92121/Consultation-Draft-of-Protocol-28-July-2023.pdf

Enquires and submissions should be directed to: -

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