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Members of the Joint Select Committee  
Joint Select Committee on Ethical Conduct  
Parliament House  
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Dear Members of the Joint Select Committee,

I am writing because I believe that the existing Tasmanian mechanisms designed to ensure ethical and accountable government are inadequate. I call on the Tasmanian government to establish an independent body to address questions of corruption and ethical misconduct in Tasmania with investigative as well as educative powers.

Recent events demonstrate clearly that the existing system of checks and security against government corruption is insufficient.

Allegations of corruption and serious ethical misconduct at the state government level have not being fully investigated.

- A deputy premier found to have lied to Parliament is still in his seat and may be undergoing political rehabilitation.
- Allegations of serious political interference in judicial appointments have yet to be reported to the public.
- The Pulp Mill Assessment Act 2007 even provides that no review for criminal conduct operates to delay the issues of the Pulp Mill Permit nor any actions authorized by it: s 11(3).

I am calling on the Joint Select Committee to establish an independent anti-corruption body with:

- At least one mainland appointment
- An independent and guaranteed budget indexed to the CPI
- Reporting to parliament, not to government.

The future prosperity of our state demands that we take strong measures to protect against government/corporate corruption.

Sincerely,  
Alister Mills