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Members of the Joint Selection Committee
Joint Selection Committee on Ethical Conduct
Parliament House
Hobart
Tas 7000

Dear Members of Joint Selection Committee,

Recent happenings in Tasmania lead me to believe that the existing laws 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. The Tasmanian public needs to have faith that questions of governance will be dealt with confidentially, professionally, efficiently and effectively.

I call 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.

Such a body should have the ability to:

- Engage in retrospective investigation where there is a continued impact on public policy, subject to statutes of limitations.
- Adequate mechanisms to maintain the confidentiality of investigations and protect both individuals raising allegations and individuals subject to allegations, including Whistleblowers.

Yours faithfully



Helen Thyne