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

I wish to express my strong support for the establishment of an effective independent anti-corruption body in Tasmania.

The unethical and in some cases potentially corrupt actions of ministers and government officials has severely damaged public belief in and acceptance of our political institutions and processes.

As a younger Tasmanian I am dismayed that unethical conduct has been allowed to erode the trust placed in our political systems in this state. I believe that a large part of this problem is the lack of any independent body to investigate potential corruption, unethical or illegal conduct.

Tasmanians deserve certainty and this can only be secured through the establishment of a body with high levels of investigative power and independence.
Existing mechanisms to ensure ethical and accountable governance in Tasmania are clearly inadequate, as a recent spate of allegations and incidences demonstrates.

Other Australia states have established such bodies and their is no justification for its absence in Tasmania where recent activities suggest that problems of unethical or corrupt conduct may be a serious problem.

I urge the Joint Select Committee to establish an effective independent anti corruption body with

- an independent budget
- appointment of at least some officers from outside of Tasmania
- protection for witnesses and confidentiality of sources
- the ability to investigate retrospective and current issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these issues and look forward to

your response.

Kind Regards,

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