1. The Crime and Corruption Amendment Bill 2015 (the Bill) aims to restore independence and integrity to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).
2. The Bill makes amendments to the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* to:
* ensure the CCC chief executive officer (CEO) is not a commissioner, but retain a five member commission with the requirement for an additional ordinary commissioner to ensure the commission continues to have a broad range of expertise and skill;
* require bipartisan support of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (PCCC) for the nomination of the CEO to support transparency and accountability in that appointment;
* limit temporary appointments for the commissioners and CEO to three months, unless there is bipartisan support of the PCCC for the appointment, to prevent any future long-term partisan appointments being made;
* reinstate the CCC’s corruption prevention function to enable the CCC to build the capacity of units of public administration to prevent corruption;
* reinstate the CCC’s research function as it stood prior to the *Crime and Misconduct and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2014*, which will no longer require the CCC to obtain Ministerial approval for its research activities; and
* allow complaints about corruption to be made anonymously to the CCC, by removing the requirement for complaints to be made by way of a statutory declaration, to foster a culture that encourages complaints about corruption to be made.
1. The Bill also restores gender neutral language to the position of the CCC chair by replacing references to the CCC ‘chairman’ in the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* and other legislation with CCC ‘chairperson’.
2. The Bill supports the efficient performance of day to day financial management by the CCC by removing the current prohibition on the CEO sub-delegating the financial accountability functions.
3. The Government will also be undertaking public consultation to widen the definition of corrupt conduct in the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* to ensure changes to the definition are necessary and appropriate.
4. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Crime and Corruption Amendment Bill 2015 into the Legislative Assembly.
5. *Attachments*
* [Crime and Corruption Amendment Bill 2015](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)