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Terms of reference

On 31 May 2012 the Selection Committee of the House of Representatives referred the National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2012 for inquiry and report.



List of abbreviations and acronyms

2010 Brown Bill	National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2010
ALRC	Australian Law Reform Commission
Integrity Bill	The National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2012
LCA	Law Council of Australia
LEIC Act	<i>Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006 (Cth)</i>
PID Bill	Public Interest Disclosure Bill
Royal Commissions Act	<i>Royal Commissions Act 1902 (Cth)</i>

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List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Committee recommends that the House Selection Committee request a ruling from the Speaker of the House on the status of the National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2012 prior to its debate.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the National Integrity Commissioner Bill 2012 not proceed prior to the establishment of a Parliamentary Joint Select Committee to investigate the feasibility and cost of establishing a National Integrity Commission, taking into account the following matters:

- the threshold issue of desirability of such a commission;
- the extent of the powers granted to the Commissioners; and
- related reforms such as the review of the *Royal Commissions Act 1902*, the report on Australia's compliance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption, the results of public consultation on the National Anti-Corruption Plan, and the outcome of debate on the Public Interest Disclosure Bill 2012.