## **Media statement**



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## Statement: Independent Commissioner Against Corruption announces retirement

Independent Commissioner Against Corruption for the NT, Ken Fleming QC, has announced he will retire from the role in July 2021, and return to Queensland to be closer to family.

Commissioner Fleming was appointed as the first NT ICAC in July 2018 and led the office through its establishment phase and into its operational phase.

A national recruitment process for a new Commissioner will commence shortly, managed by the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet.

## Quote attributable to Commissioner Ken Fleming, QC:

"It is with regret that I announce my retirement as the Northern Territory Independent Commissioner Against Corruption.

"2020 was a challenging year for many people, and for me reinforced the importance of being close to family.

"It has been a privilege and an honour to have served as the first NT Independent Commissioner Against Corruption and to have established an office dedicated to preventing, detecting and responding to improper conduct within the Northern Territory.

"I am confident the Office of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption will continue to deliver on its mandate under a new Commissioner, now having the staff, systems and processes in place to do so.

"I look forward to seeing the results of long-term operational activities currently being undertaken by the office become apparent in 2021.

"Without being ageist, I will observe the new direction of the agency with keen interest, secure in the knowledge that my successor will approach the task with fresh eyes and energy."

I thank the Northern Territory Government for the resources provided to my office to carry out its duties."

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