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About this policy

The Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) recognises the importance of media in keeping the community and public sector informed on matters of significant public interest and promoting transparency and accountability in government and public administration.

The ICAC also recognises the need to balance information provided to the public with the need to protect the integrity of its operations and the privacy of individuals involved.

This policy sets out how the ICAC and the office will engage with media.

Process

1. All media enquiries to be directed to icac.communications@icac.nt.gov.au.
2. Responses to media enquiries will be provided in writing unless determined otherwise by the ICAC.

Information for the media

The Commissioner will not generally comment on operational matters, including whether a report has been received or an investigation is being conducted, unless the Commissioner considers it is appropriate to do so and is consistent with the relevant provisions of the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017*.

Journalists should consider the impact that publishing confidential information may have on the Commissioner's ability to investigate improper conduct and protect whistleblowers, and on the interests of persons under investigation and the impact on witnesses in an investigation.

Investigations

Once an investigation has been finalised the Commissioner may publish a report if it is in the public interest and appropriate to do so.

Investigation reports involving Members of the Legislative Assembly will be given to the Speaker or Deputy Speaker to table in the Legislative Assembly. Once an investigation report is tabled and made public, the report will be published on the ICAC website.

Generally, investigation reports will not contain information that will name or identify any person.

Other reports

The Commissioner may make a general report in relation to:

- an evaluation or review carried out
- systemic issues identified in one or more public bodies in relation to improper conduct
- matters affecting the incidence of improper conduct in one or more public bodies
- matters affecting reporting of improper conduct by public bodies or public officers
- matters the ICAC considers have or may seriously affect the ICAC's ability to perform the ICAC's functions
- general update on the ICAC's activities, or
- identifying integrity risks.

A general report may be made to a public body, public officer or the Speaker. If a general report is tabled and made public, the report will be published on the ICAC website.