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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to e-Petition 3690-22 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 21 June 2022 titled *Termination of the appointment of the Chair of the Crime and Corruption Commission, Mr Alan MacSporran QC*.

The former Chairperson of the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC), Mr Alan MacSporran QC, resigned effective from 28 January 2022. On 30 June 2022, the Governor in Council appointed Mr Bruce Barbour as Chairperson of the CCC for a term of three years commencing on and from 2 July 2022.

The appointment of Mr Barbour was made following a merit-based recruitment process and, in accordance with section 228 of the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (the CC Act), the receipt of bipartisan support of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee (PCCC).

I would like to assure the petitioners that the Queensland Government is committed to ensuring the CCC has effective leadership so that Queenslanders can have confidence in its ability to investigate major crime and to prevent corruption in the Queensland public sector.

The PCCC is a committee of the Parliament and not subject to the direction of the Attorney-General or the Government. It would therefore be inappropriate for me to interfere in any deliberations related to the decision to not recommend the termination of Mr MacSporran. The PCCC is responsible to the Parliament for the performance of its functions under the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and the CC Act.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely

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