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Dear Madam Speaker

Request for extension of time for submission Annual Report

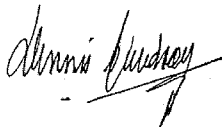
The ACT Integrity Commission (the Commission) is currently due to submit its 2019-2020 Annual Report to you by Friday 18th December 2020. After revision of the final draft of the document a number of legal anomalies have been identified with respect to the Commission's legislative requirements under the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* (the Act). These anomalies will require the advice of the ACT Solicitor General. As such I request the Commission be granted an extension of time for the submission of its Annual Report for 2019-2020.

Section 14 of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* provides direction for requests for extensions for the submission of an Annual Report. Section 15(4) of the *Annual Reports (Government Agencies) Act 2004* provides for the Speaker to present an Annual Report of an officer of the Assembly after the identified time following a request from an officer.

Given the timing and the upcoming shut down over Christmas and New Year, I would not expect any advice from the Government Solicitor would be finalised before the end of January 2021. Therefore, on behalf of the Commission I would be grateful for an extension until at least February 2021 for the submission of the Commission's Annual report for 2019-2020.

Should you have any questions about this request please do not hesitate to contact me on 6207-1883.

Yours sincerely



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Commissioner

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