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PREVENTIVE ANTI-CORRUPTION BODIES

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Information in relation to the interlinkages between preventive and law enforcement approaches

The Australian Commission for Law Enforcement Integrity (ACLEI) provides independent assurance to the Australian Government about the integrity of Commonwealth law enforcement agencies and their staff members. The Integrity Commissioner investigates allegations of corruption in Australian regulation and law enforcement agencies.

ACLEI's 2021-24 [corruption prevention strategy](#) sets out its corruption prevention priorities, including reviewing learnings from investigations, intelligence and data, developing integrity benchmarks for the public sector and developing a dedicated learning and development strategy to enhance the agency's outreach.

ACLEI convenes a quarterly Corruption Prevention Community of Practice with agencies within jurisdiction, to discuss good practices in identifying and addressing corruption risks and vulnerabilities and benchmark integrity policies and procedures with other Commonwealth agencies.

On 2 December 2022, ACLEI published its annual vulnerabilities brief. This document is publicly available on [ACLEI's website](#). This brief provides an overview of the corruption vulnerabilities identified between July 2021 and June 2022 from finalised investigations under the *Law Enforcement Integrity Commissioner Act 2006* (Cth) and related prosecutions.

The Australian Parliament recently passed the *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022* (Cth) to establish a National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC). The legislation also provides for ACLEI to be subsumed into the NACC. The Australian Government intends that the NACC will commence operations by mid-2023.

Further, the NACC will have prevention and education functions. The NACC will be able to undertake a public inquiry for the purpose of examining corruption risks, vulnerabilities and measures to prevent corruption in Commonwealth agencies. It will also be able to provide education and raise awareness of corruption issues, and make recommendations to enhance both systemic reform and entity-specific corruption prevention arrangements.