



## CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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Dear Mr Bennett

### **Information in the Commission's Newsletter**

Thank you for your email of 10 December 2007 in which you express concerns about the content of an article in the Commission's recent newsletter, Issue 2 of November 2007. The article referred to the release, at the recent Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption (APSAC) Conference, of findings from the Whistling While They Work (WWTW) project.

The Commission acknowledges that the newsletter article, which was based on the APSAC Conference press release of 24 October 2007, was very brief and thus did not paint a full picture of the research. This is unfortunate, but was necessary due to the restricted space available in the newsletter.

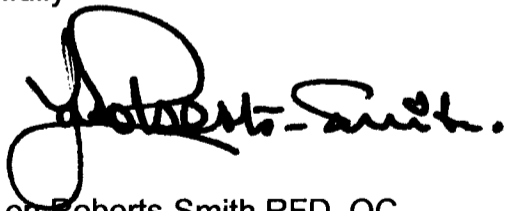
The newsletter format allows for only brief details of the issues covered in it, inviting readers to seek further information on those matters which interest them. In this regard, there is a link on the Commission website to the WWTW project website, which contains the full draft report.

I can assure you that in publishing information about the project's findings, the Commission did not intend to diminish the adverse experience some whistleblowers suffer. On the contrary, the Commission's involvement in this research signals its commitment to gaining empirical evidence *inter alia* about the experience of those who expose wrong doing of any type relevant to public administration and to play a role in developing knowledge, systems and resources which might assist public officers and others to safely raise concerns about wrong doing, as well as assist public sector bodies to appropriately manage those concerns.

In relation to your comments on the research findings themselves, I believe this is best addressed by your organisation continuing to correspond with the project leader for the WWTW Project.

Thank you for writing to the Commission regarding your concerns.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Len Roberts-Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "L" and a period at the end.

The Hon Len Roberts-Smith RFD, QC  
**COMMISSIONER**