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## **VICTORIA NEEDS ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION**

Opposition Leader Ted Baillieu has called for the Brumby Government to establish a broad based Anti-Corruption Commission.

Transparency, integrity and scrutiny are the cornerstone of good government.

Victorians have been repeatedly assured by this government that there was no link between police corruption and organised crime.

The most recent revelations confirm the long denied links between police corruption and organised crime in fact do exist.

These are the most serious possible revelations which strike at the heart of the integrity of government and its police force in this state.

The case for a broad based independent Anti-Corruption Commission has been building for some time.

We have seen inadequate investigations into the Kit Walker affair and links with the Minister's office and the Police Association.

We have seen inadequate investigation into WorkCover and bullying allegations against the Police Association.

We have seen inadequate investigation into the Police Association and secret deals with this government.

We have seen inadequate investigation into MPs writing references for drug dealers and criminals.

We have seen inadequate investigation into the integrity of the LEAP database.

We have seen inadequate investigation into allegations of corruption at local council level.

And we have seen inadequate investigation into public tendering processes.

Following evidence of significant corruption in WA, QLD and NSW, an independent broad based Anti-Corruption Commission was established in each of these states, to investigate issues surrounding corruption.