

How do the proposed federal anti-corruption bodies compare?

	Government	ALP	Greens	McGowan
Can investigate public sector	Y	Y	Y	Y
Can investigate third parties corruptly influencing public sector	N	? – unclear whether jurisdiction will extend beyond government	Y	½ - cannot investigate cases where public official is innocent
Can investigate judiciary	N	Y	N	N
Can investigate any conduct affecting partial decision making	N – limited to criminal offences	Y	Y	Y
Can begin investigations without threshold of evidence	N – requires reasonable suspicion of criminal offence	Y	Y	Y
Can accept referrals	Y	Y	Y	Y
Can receive complaints from whistle-blowers	N	Y	Y	Y
Can initiate investigations	N	Y	Y	Y
Can compel witnesses, the production of documents	½ - unclear whether coercive powers apply to witnesses	Y	Y	Y
Commissioner can decide to hold public hearings in public interest	N - hearings only available to law enforcement investigations	Y	Y	½ - commissioners decision is challengeable in court
Ability to make findings	N	Y – findings of fact	Y – corrupt conduct findings	Y – corrupt conduct findings
The absence of legal professional privilege	N	? – detail not provided yet	N	N
Retrospective	Y	Y	Y	Y