



Appendix one – Legislated functions of the LECC

The LECC was established in 2016 and commenced operations on 1 July 2017 as a permanent independent investigative commission to provide oversight of the NSW Police Force and NSW Crime Commission. It has two main functions:

- detecting and investigating misconduct and corruption
- overseeing complaints handling.

The legislated functions of the Commission are set out in Part 4 of the LECC Act. The objects of the LECC Act²³ are to:

- promote the integrity and good repute of the NSW Police Force and the Crime Commission
- provide for the independent detection, investigation and exposure of serious misconduct and serious maladministration within the NSW Police Force and the Crime Commission
- provide for independent oversight and review of the investigation by the NSW Police Force of misconduct matters concerning the conduct of its members and the Crime Commission concerning its officers
- prevent officer misconduct and officer maladministration and agency maladministration within the NSW Police Force and the Crime Commission
- ensure that agencies work collaboratively to support and promote the prevention of officer misconduct, officer maladministration and agency maladministration, and to improve their processes and systems
- recognise the primary responsibilities of the NSW Police Force and Crime Commission to investigate and prevent officer misconduct and officer maladministration within those agencies and agency maladministration while providing for oversight of those functions
- foster an atmosphere in which complaints, provision of other information about misconduct and independent oversight are viewed positively as ways of preventing officer misconduct, officer maladministration and agency maladministration
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- provide for the scrutiny of the exercise of powers by the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and its officers by an Inspector and for the Commission and for the Inspector to be accountable to parliament
- provide for the oversight by the Inspector of the use of covert powers under various Acts.

²³ Summarised from the objects of the LECC Act, as set out in s. 3.