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Dear Ms McKenzie,

## **Re 2025 Lobbying Code of Conduct not proceeding**

I am writing in response to the email notification I received from you on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of June advising the implementation of the proposed new 2025 Lobbying Code of Conduct (the new 2025 Code) will not be proceeding “*at this time*”.

At the outset, let me state how deeply disappointed I am about this determination by the Board – both because of my personal commitment on this matter but primarily on behalf of my constituents of Nelson who deserve rigorous and robust oversight mechanisms which provide a tangible health-check on the transparency and accountability of our systems of governance.

As do all Tasmanians.

Hence, I am seeking further clarification of the basis for this sudden decision to not proceed two weeks out from the scheduled commencement date of 1<sup>st</sup> of July this year. I also note that the 1<sup>st</sup> of July was itself a postponement in light of logistical complexities arising from the original planned commencement date of 1<sup>st</sup> of January this year.

Specifically can you, or the Board, please provide the rationale and reasoning behind this decision to not proceed with the new 2025 Code?

Further, can you please clarify what exactly is meant by “*at this time*” as stated in your email? Is there an intention to still proceed at a later date, and if so, whether that intention is to proceed with the current new 2025 Code as circulated to MPs on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April this year, or are there plans to amend that Code of Conduct in order to implement a modified version at a later date?



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Again, I stress the dismay with which I and many others received this news on Monday.

I am on the record applauding the diligent and engaging public consultative process undertaken by the Integrity Commission when reviewing the state's original Lobbyist Register when it transferred from the Department of Premier and Cabinet to the Commission on 1 July 2022. I participated in all stages of that consultation process from its original 2022 consultation paper through to the release of the final proposed model.

Hence, given the valid public interest in the sudden u-turn in implementation of such a significant governance reform, and the fact it was - quite appropriately - developed with the use of public resources, I believe it is incumbent on the Commission to provide further public justification and rationale for this decision.

I acknowledge the work, effort and resources which the Commission has invested into reviewing and developing the new 2025 Code, and I further acknowledge this must be a bitterly disappointing decision for all those who have worked so hard to deliver this important governance oversight reform. Please convey my thanks and appreciation to all those who worked to progress the reformed new 2025 Code.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience to my above queries and request for further information to be made public.

Kind regards,



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