Statement by Professor Trevor Munroe on the Integrity Commission

It is obviously necessary to fill positions left vacant in the Integrity Commission. However, especially in light of public disquiet, priority should be given to the recommendations made by the Commission itself, namely, that a Committee of Both Houses’ of Parliament, review and the Parliament amend “key provisions of the Act so as to allow the body” to operate smoothly and effectively fulfil its mandate (Report page 6).

Among the amendments proposed, with which NIA agrees, are those designed to allow greater transparency in the Commission’s investigations and to introduce more stringent requirements for statutory declarations. At least as urgent as filling vacancies is a fresh start through these amendments to the Act without which the Commission would continue to operate ineffectively and thereby prejudice the prospect of building public trust in the Commission.

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