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Corruption and Crime Commissioner to Retire

After almost a decade in the role, the Corruption and Crime Commissioner, the Hon John McKechnie AO KC has announced he will retire on 30 June 2025.

Mr McKechnie was appointed Commissioner in April 2015 and reappointed in June 2021.

Since 2015, the Commission has produced 277 reports on corruption and police misconduct in Western Australia, including exposing corrupt conduct cases involving millions of dollars and uncovering the largest public sector corruption case in Australia's history.

In September 2018, the Commission took on responsibility for unexplained wealth investigations, targeting serious and organised crime. Since then, over \$15 million has been secured through confiscation orders related to unexplained wealth and criminal benefits.

Since his initial appointment, Mr McKechnie's focus on improved efficiency and effectiveness at the Commission has included:

- improving operational performance outcomes in assessments, investigations and oversight of public sector agency investigations;
- significantly increasing communication and information flowing to the public sector, media and community;
- working more closely with agencies to assist their understanding of misconduct risks; and
- holding agencies to account by requiring them to report on how effectively they have responded to the Commission's recommendations.

Mr McKechnie said "the Commission's success is in its team and I am confident that it will continue its fine work. Each member of the Commission's team contributes directly to the good governance of the State by maintaining a public sector and a police force of integrity, or playing a part in the disruption of crime that challenges the fabric of our community."

Deputy Commissioner and former WA Supreme Court Judge, Michael Corboy SC will act in the role of Commissioner. Recruitment of a new Commissioner will commence shortly.

Mr McKechnie will be available for media at 10:30am today at 45 Francis Street, Northbridge.

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