

Excerpt from letter:

to: Acting Chair, Crime and Corruption Commission, Dr
Ken Levy

from: Rev Dr Noel Preston AM

**Reason for resignation from
Crime and Corruption Commission's
Research Ethics Committee**

In particular, my resignation expresses my dismay at the changes made to the former CMC by the Newman Government. In my view, these changes, including political interference with the Commission's Parliamentary Committee, have effectively removed the independence of the CCC. Moreover, the new provision that the Attorney General must refer and approve matters for research by the Commission's research section amount to a serious breach of the independence of the Commission and its Research division. This, of course, directly impacts on the ethics panel of which I was a member.

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