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CCC podcast series marks International Anti-Corruption Day 2021

The CCC has today released the first two episodes of its 'Chatting with the Corruption and Crime Commission' podcast series in the lead up to International Anti-Corruption Day 2021.

The United Nations has designated 9 December as the annual day to highlight the rights and responsibilities of everyone in combatting the kind of corruption that steals away valuable resources from the whole community.

In a first for any Corruption and Crime Commissioner in Western Australia, John McKechnie QC has this year opened up on some of the issues and topics that attract the most controversy – and curiosity.

Just what is the relationship between the CCC and WA Police Force – are they friends or foes? WA Police Force Deputy Commissioner Col Blanch sits down with Commissioner McKechnie to talk about how life has changed during their time in charge and whether that's a healthy tension between them or some underlying resentment bubbling away!

There's no doubt Public Sector Commissioner Sharyn O'Neill and the CCC are on the same page, but why are there two teams? What's the difference? The two Commissioners thrash out the meaning of misconduct in all its forms and why public servants and private sector operators alike need to make anti-corruption and integrity action part of their business too.

Have you ever wondered why an organisation that's often accused of being secretive chooses to go very public with some of its investigations? Public questioning of people suspected of corruption or witnesses to it might be great entertainment at times but are these live-streamed examinations – with all the stress, strain and sometimes even tears – really necessary? Critics will argue public examinations wreck reputations. The CCC says they're in the public interest and an important part of an investigation's tactical arsenal.

There's no better way to live out the theme of this year's International Anti-Corruption Day, 'Your right, your role: say no to corruption', than to take the courageous step to become a whistle-blower, when you suspect or see corruption. The Commission's podcast series also explores the obligation everyone has to speak up, recognising the risks and realities of doing so.

The conversations are wide-ranging and capture some of the most commonly asked questions in and about the Commission and its work. While police officers, public servants, lawyers, and the media may have a particular interest in some episodes, it's hoped the podcasts may attract a much wider audience including anyone who does business with Government and may benefit

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from a greater awareness of the risk of corruption and their responsibilities in managing those risks.

The new podcast series is available at <https://www.ccc.wa.gov.au/about-us/resources/podcasts> and on major podcast platforms including Spotify, iTunes, Google podcasts, Stitcher, Pandora and RadioPublic. So subscribe now wherever you get your podcasts.

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[Episode one - Public examinations - The helpful vs harmful debate](#)

[Episode two - WA Police Force and the CCC - Are they friends or foes?](#)

Episode three - The moral dilemma of becoming a whistle-blower (available early December 2021)

Episode four - How to prevent corruption in challenging times (available early December 2021)

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