

MEDIA RELEASE

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The Corruption and Crime Commission has commenced an investigation after receiving an allegation of serious misconduct arising from an incident in Unit 18 at Casuarina Prison on 12 October 2023.

The Commission has taken the unusual step of making a public announcement in relation to this investigation, given the extensive reporting, public interest and the seriousness of the incident.

Commissioner John McKechnie KC said 'The issue of young people in the criminal justice system is well documented and a complex issue to address. This Commission does not have the power to inquire generally into that issue.

Our jurisdiction is focussed on the alleged conduct of public officers where that conduct meets the high bar of serious misconduct. The Commission's role is to ensure particular allegations of serious misconduct are dealt with appropriately.'

The Commission will not be making any further comment at this time.

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