



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### CCC to visit the Pilbara this month

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State and local government officers will have the opportunity to discuss misconduct risks in their organisations and local residents will be able to make complaints about alleged public sector misconduct when a team of Corruption and Crime Commission officers visit Karratha and Port Hedland later this month.

Commissioner Roger Macknay QC, who is leading the team, will address public sector, business and community leaders and take part in round-table meetings with local officials.

Two corruption prevention officers will also conduct workshops for public officers in Newman

The Commissioner said the rapid economic development in the Pilbara presents unique misconduct risks to State and local governments including:

- employing and retaining staff who are more attracted by the high salaries in the resources sector;
- dealing with conflicts of interest that inevitably arise in small communities;
- handling confidential information; and
- working with mining companies to improve public facilities.

“Integrity in government is important to ensure that decisions made by the State are fair and provide equality of opportunity,” Mr Macknay said.

“This touches on every part of our lives from our schooling to employment in the public sector, protection by the Police, the right to have a dispute settled by a court, health and many more,” he said.

Individuals can arrange an appointment with a Commission officer to discuss an allegation of misconduct by contacting Ms Ally Antoszewska at [regionoutreach@ccc.wa.gov.au](mailto:regionoutreach@ccc.wa.gov.au) or on 9215 4796.

Corruption and misconduct includes assault, bribery, theft, misuse of confidential information, abuse of power and mishandling conflicts of interest.

**Karratha: 19 – 20 November 2012**  
**Port Hedland: 21 – 22 November 2012**  
**Newman: 22 November 2012**

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