

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Police Commissioners attend leading anti-corruption conference**

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Six Police Commissioners from around Australia will discuss police complaints, discipline and misconduct processes at Australia's leading anti-corruption conference in Fremantle (WA) in November.

At this year's Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption (APSAC) Conference Police Commissioners from Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland, the Northern Territory, South Australia, the ACT and a senior representative of the Australian Federal Police will participate in a panel chaired by the ABC's Kerry O'Brien,.

The three-day conference is a joint initiative of three of the nation's leading anti-corruption agencies, the Corruption and Crime Commission (WA), the Crime and Misconduct Commission (Queensland) and the Independent Commission Against Corruption (NSW).

The Acting Commissioner of the Corruption and Crime Commission, Mark Herron, said police are subject to more scrutiny than ever and it is important to get the right balance between oversight and allowing officers to do what is a very difficult job.

A separate session will examine the use of tasers, which has been hotly debated in a number of states.

"Tasers were introduced as an alternative to lethal force but there is debate about whether they are also being used for compliance," Mr Herron said.

The conference, which has more than 80 speakers and panellists and is expected to attract more than 500 delegates, has become one of the most important gatherings of anti-corruption practitioners.

The chair of the Conference Organizing Committee, Roger Watson, from the Corruption and Crime Commission, said the APSAC Conference is designed to present practical solutions to integrity issues.

More information and registration details for APSACC 2011 are available at [www.apsac.com.au](http://www.apsac.com.au)

Previous APSAC conferences have been held in Brisbane in 2009 and Sydney in 2007.

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