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CCC warns against the *Seven Deadly Sins of Corruption* to mark International Anti-Corruption Day

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The Corruption and Crime Commissioner of Western Australia, John McKechnie, QC, is marking International Anti-Corruption Day (9 December 2015) with a call for public officers to be vigilant in the ongoing battle to root out corruption and preserve the integrity of their agencies.

The call could apply equally to the private sector and individuals seeking to corrupt public officials.

The CCC is using social media to promote the fight against corruption with the release on YouTube and the CCC Website of a clip highlighting "the seven deadly sins of corruption".

1. Greed
2. Power
3. Influence
4. Ignorance
5. Impunity
6. Complacency
7. Poor governance

The *Seven Deadly Sins of Corruption* can be viewed on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvpJe6mSrcs and the CCC Website at: www.ccc.wa.gov.au/message-from-the-commissioner.

Though Western Australia is relatively free of corruption compared to levels on a global scale, it is clearly not immune from many forms of corruption and the damage they do to the fabric of our society.

Corruption transcends borders and is always local in its impact.

Honest public servants and members of the general community who are not complacent and who are prepared to speak out and report serious misconduct allow the CCC to identify corruption in the "dark corners" and expose it to the light of public scrutiny.

Reporting corruption is everybody's responsibility.

The theme of the United Nations sponsored International Anti-Corruption Day campaign for 2015 is "Break the corruption chain".

The 2015 International Anti-Corruption Day campaign highlights how corruption undermines democracy and the rule of law, leads to human rights violations, distorts

markets, erodes quality of life and allows organised crime, terrorism and other threats to human security to flourish.

About International Anti-Corruption Day: www.anticorruptionday.org

- International Anti-Corruption Day has been observed annually on 9 December since the passage of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption on 31 October 2003. Australia is a signatory to the Convention.
- The campaign is conducted under the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODOC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Corruption is the single biggest obstacle to economic and social development around the world, according to the UN. Reduction of corruption and bribery globally is a target of one of the seventeen sustainable development goals (16.5) adopted by the United Nations in September 2015.
- US\$1 trillion is paid in bribes around the world, each year.
- US\$2.6 trillion is estimated by the UN to be stolen annually through corruption – more than 5% of global GDP.
- UNDP says the funds lost to corruption in developing countries are estimated at 10 times the amount of official development assistance spending.
- UN says corruption leads to:
 - less prosperity
 - less respect for human rights
 - less provision of services
 - less employment.

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