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A NEW ERA OF POLICE OVERSIGHT: TINK REVIEW

The Police Association of NSW (PANSW) today welcomed the Review into Police Oversight from former Shadow Attorney-General and Shadow Minister for Police, Andrew Tink AM.

This Review recommends the creation of a single police oversight body, to be called the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission (LECC), replacing the Police Integrity Commission and the Police Division of the NSW Ombudsman.

The President of the Police Association, Scott Weber, said, "We have long campaigned for a transparent and streamlined approach for a professional, effective and fair police oversight system that abides by the principles of procedural fairness and natural justice and that better uses scarce funding and resources.

"The PANSW has worked in consultation with Mr Tink and the Government during the review process, and today's outcome is a highly significant step in the right direction.

"It is vital for police officers to be confident and assured they will be treated fairly by the oversight process. They deserve nothing less than a professional, efficient and impartial police oversight system that also removes unnecessary double handling.

"This is a great step forward and will deliver improved outcomes for all police across the State and for the people of NSW.

"We will continue to work with the Government to ensure the right foundations are established for a robust oversight body that upholds the highest standards of conduct, performance and integrity and abides by a clear and transparent process.

"Ensuring quality in oversight is an ongoing commitment by your Association and we will continue to make sure there are appropriate checks and balances to protect police, while providing accountability."

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