National Anti-Corruption Commission

Monthly update

Date Thursday, 5 November 2026

November 2026

Appointment of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner

On 19 October, the Attorney-General announced the proposed appointments of The Hon Deputy Chief Justice Robert McClelland AO as Commissioner and Mr Christopher Savundra as a Deputy Commissioner of the NACC, following an open, competitive and merit-based selection process. The Governor-General approved the appointments on 29 October.

Deputy Chief Justice McClelland is currently Deputy Chief Justice of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia (Division 1 and 2). Prior to this, he was the Federal Member for Barton from 1996 to 2013, and the Attorney-General of Australia from 2007 to 2011.

Mr Savundra is currently the Executive Director of Enforcement and Compliance at the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), where he has also served as General Counsel and Senior Executive Leader.

Deputy Chief Justice McClelland and Mr Savundra will commence their roles on 11 January 2027. Acting Deputy Commissioners Jamie Lowe and Penny Shakespeare will finish their acting roles on 8 January 2027. Deputy Commissioners Dr Ben Gauntlett and Kylie Kilgour continue in their roles.

Read the full media release.

Appearance at inquiry into Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program

On 22 October, we appeared before the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee's inquiry into the Major and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

Acting Commissioner Kylie Kilgour answered questions about our jurisdiction and previous guidance provided in our open letter to election participants ahead of the 2025 Federal Election on corrupt conduct risks in the context of making election commitments.

Annual Report 2025-26 tabled

On 23 October, our Annual Report 2025-26 was tabled in Parliament, demonstrating our achievements over the past financial year.

Catch up on the Annual Report 2025-26 on our website or at a glance below.



Fast facts on our work

As at 4 November, we are conducting 11 preliminary investigations and 31 corruption investigations. Five of our cases are currently before the courts, and since our commencement 13 convictions have been secured.

So far in 2026-27, we have undertaken 35 engagements with national and international stakeholders. In October, this included Acting Commissioner Kylie Kilgour and other senior staff members taking part in a Parliamentary Outreach Day at Parliament House, where we spoke with MPs and their staff about our work.

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