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Litigation outcome - ACT Integrity Commission Operation Luna Part One

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The Commission notes the decision of Mossop J in the ACT Supreme Court, dismissing all grounds on which the plaintiff, Ms Cover sought judicial review. The Court found that the Commission had not erred in its application of the *Integrity Commission Act 2018* (the Act) to its findings of serious corrupt conduct made against Ms Cover in its investigation, codenamed Operation Luna.

The Court also found that the Commission's Special Report, provided to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in accordance with requirements of the Act, was admissible in proceedings as it was not subject to parliamentary privilege under the *Parliamentary Privileges Act 1987* (Cth), which applies in the Australian Capital Territory.

The Operation Luna Part One Special Report, released 27 June 2024, addressed the conduct of the former Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Ms Cover (against whom a finding of serious corrupt conduct was made) and the former CIT Board Chair, specifically whether they failed to meet their duty to disclose key information to the CIT Board and the responsible Minister in relation to consultancy contracts entered into with entities owned or controlled by Mr Patrick Hollingworth.

The second aspect of the Operation Luna investigation was finalised and reported as Part Two Special Report released 25 July 2025. This report also made findings of serious corrupt conduct against Ms Cover and another CIT employee.

Detailed insights including the full reports and related Operation Luna resources can be found on the Commission's website at integrity.act.gov.au.

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