

# Media Release

**The Hon Sonya Kilkenny MP**  
Attorney General  
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## **NEW IBAC POLICE OVERSIGHT DEPUTY COMMISSIONER APPOINTED**

The Victorian Government has appointed Liana Buchanan as a Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC). Ms Buchanan will lead IBAC's important Police Oversight work.

Ms Buchanan brings extensive experience in oversight, integrity and legal system reform with senior leadership roles across the regulatory, justice and community sectors.

Since 2016, Ms Buchanan has served as the Principal Commissioner for the Commission for Children and Young People.

In this role, she oversaw the establishment and implementation of the Reportable Conduct Scheme and Child Safe Standards – strengthening protections against child abuse in institutional settings.

Ms Buchanan has also been a part-time Commissioner at the Victorian Law Reform Commission since 2015, contributing to key reviews and recommendations to the Attorney-General.

Previously, Ms Buchanan was the Chief Executive Officer of the Federation of Community Legal Centres from 2013 to 2016, overseeing the organisation's policy and law reform work.

Her experience also includes senior roles at the then Department of Justice and Regulation, including as Director of the Office of Correctional Services Review from 2009 to 2013.

Ms Buchanan holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide.

She will commence her three-year term as IBAC Deputy Commissioner on 24 March 2025.

### **Quotes attributable to Attorney-General Sonya Kilkenny**

*"I congratulate Ms Buchanan on her appointment as Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission – she brings formidable expertise and leadership to the role."*

*"Ms Buchanan's extensive experience in legal and integrity matters makes her a strong addition to IBAC's leadership team."*