

**Will Hodgman MP**

Leader of the State Opposition  
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***Government not going far enough***

The State Opposition remains committed to the view that the Bartlett Labor Government is not serious about restoring the public's trust in governance.

The State Opposition today moved an amendment to Premier David Bartlett's motion to consider the establishment of an ethics commission, calling for the need for an appropriate anti-corruption body for Tasmania.

Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, said if the Premier is serious about repairing what he himself has admitted is "*a degradation of trust in our public institutions and in our democracy*", a half-baked ethics commission will not go far enough.

Mr Hodgman said it is still a concern that only last month Mr Bartlett issued a media statement claiming there is no need for an anti-corruption body.

"No one is arguing that Tasmania needs an anti-corruption authority of the scale that exists in other States, but the State Opposition believes it is critical that an ethics, probity and anti-corruption body in Tasmania has the power to investigate allegations such as corruption," Mr Hodgman said.

"The State Opposition welcomes the moves to establish a Joint Select Committee to look into this serious issue, but its terms of reference must allow for the unfettered investigation of what is the best model for Tasmania.

"It is vital that the prospect of an anti-corruption body is considered to fully address the real and perceived incidence of corruption within Government and the public sector."

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