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South Australian Ombudsman and Independent Commissioner Against Corruption to hold public meeting on Kangaroo Island

Monday 2 May 2016: The South Australian Ombudsman, Wayne Lines, and the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption SA, The Hon. Bruce Lander QC, will hold a public meeting in Kingscote at the Town Hall on Monday 9 May, commencing at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

The Ombudsman and Commissioner will address the following issues:

- The integrity system in South Australia including the interaction of the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC) and the Ombudsman;
- The matters which may be brought to the Office for Public Integrity (OPI) and ICAC and the manner in which those matters can be raised;
- Matters that should not be reported to the OPI/ICAC;
- Inappropriate use of the OPI/ICAC;
- The Ombudsman’s process for processing complaints;
- The manner in which the OPI/ICAC may address complaints;
- The need for cooperation with the OPI/ICAC by complainants and reporters; and
- The effect on Councils of complaints and reports including the cost to Council.

Questions will be taken from the audience following the presentation. The meeting is expected to run for approximately 90 minutes.

Mayor Peter Clements said: “We are very pleased that the Ombudsman and Commissioner offered to meet with the community of Kangaroo Island. Council encourages anyone with an interest in the process to come along.”

The session will provide context around the role and purpose of each of the Offices, as well as guidance on appropriate and inappropriate topics for raising with them. They will also provide perspective on the cost of complaints and their concern about what they perceive to be a growing divisive culture on the Island.

“Any fears the community may have about Council transparency or Council Governance can be asked at the meeting, including past and current events that are limiting our community’s progress.”

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