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Respect for Australia's legal institutions

The Law Council of Australia calls for moderation in the debate over the proposed federal anti-corruption commission, after comments comparing the New South Wales Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to a 'kangaroo court' in the context of an ongoing inquiry.

"We feel strongly there must be robust debate and detailed consideration given to the establishment of a federal anti-corruption commission and we welcome the opportunities the Commonwealth has provided for organisations and individuals, including the Law Council, to provide input and views," Law Council of Australia President, Dr Jacoba Brasch QC said.

"Respect for legal institutions underpins the administration of justice in Australia. The structure and powers of any commission are important topics for discussion, but any commentary must be tempered by fairness and balance."

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