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**Act No. 29, 1989**

An Act to amend the Defamation Act 1974 in relation to defences for certain publications made in connection with the Independent Commission Against Corruption. [Assented to 21 April 1989]

*Defamation (Independent Commission Against Corruption) Amendment 1989*

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The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Defamation (Independent Commission Against Corruption) Amendment Act 1989.

**Commencement**

2. This Act commences on a day or days to be appointed by proclamation.

**Amendment of Defamation Act 1974 No. 18**

3. The Defamation Act 1974 is amended as set out in Schedule 1.

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**SCHEDULE 1—AMENDMENTS**

(Sec. 3)

(1) Section 17K—

After section 17J, insert:

**Matters arising under the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988**

17K. (1) There is a defence of absolute privilege for a publication to or by the Independent Commission Against Corruption or the Commissioner for the Commission as Commissioner, or to any officer of the Commission (within the meaning of the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988) as such an officer.

(2) This section applies in relation to any hearing before the Independent Commission Against Corruption or any other matter relating to the powers, authorities, duties or functions of the Commission.

(3) This section extends to publications made before the commencement of this section.

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(2) Schedule 2 (**Proceedings of Public Concern and Official and Public Documents and Records**)—

At the end of clause 2, insert:

- (18) proceedings at a hearing held in public by the Independent Commission Against Corruption.
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[*Minister's second reading speech made in—  
Legislative Assembly on 5 April 1989  
Legislative Council on 18 April 1989*]