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**The Briggs Report Finally Released and Its as Bad as Expected**

The long-awaited Briggs Report into political appointments to government boards has finally been released more than two years after MP for Mackellar, Dr Sophie Scamps, first called for it to be made public.

The ‘jobs for mates’ culture in Canberra has been described as “shameless” by the former Commissioner of Public Service Lynelle Briggs and was particularly egregious under the former Coalition Government.

“The Government promised to release this report over 2 years ago and I have been relentlessly pushing for them to make good on their promise since then. While it is good to see that some of the recommendations of my own ‘Ending Jobs for Mates’ Bill have been adopted, it does not go nearly far enough.

“Governments handing out plum jobs to mates is corrosive to trust in our democracy.

“Unless these reforms are enshrined into law it’s unlikely this culture of cronyism will change. Australians deserve a political system that they can trust.

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