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AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER
LYNELLE BRIGGS

The Honourable Kevin Rudd MP
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Dear Prime Minister

Commensurate with section 44 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, I am pleased to present my annual report for the financial year ending 30 June 2008. Included within the Australian Public Service Commissioner's report is the report of the Merit Protection Commissioner in accordance with the provisions of section 51 of the *Public Service Act 1999*.

The *Requirements for Annual Reports*, approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, require that a copy of these reports be laid before each House of Parliament on or before 31 October in the year in which the report is given.

I would like to express my appreciation for the support, dedication and hard work of all the staff of the Commission during 2007–08. I would also like to thank all our clients and stakeholders across the APS for supporting the Commission in its role and for providing valuable feedback on our services, advice and programmes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynelle Briggs".

Lynelle Briggs
October 2008

GUIDE TO THE REPORT

The *Australian Public Service Commissioner's Annual Report 2007–08* is provided in accordance with the provisions of section 44 of the *Public Service Act 1999* (the Act). The report has been developed with the aim of transparent reporting under the Commission's outcome output structure.

PART ONE: OVERVIEW

The report Overview includes the Public Service Commissioner's Review and an overview of the Commission's role, responsibilities, outcomes, outputs and organisational structure. The Commissioner's Review is an executive summary of the principal developments affecting the work of the Commission including highlights of some of the significant achievements throughout 2007–08.

PART TWO: PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Performance Review provides a more detailed discussion of the Commission's performance against each output. The price and performance information in part two covers the Commission as a whole. To ensure comprehensive reporting against the output structure the performance review pricing includes the work of the Merit Protection Commissioner.

PART THREE: MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Management and Accountability component of the annual report provides an overview of the Commission's approach to corporate governance and the management of resources within the agency.

PART FOUR: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MERIT PROTECTION COMMISSIONER

In accordance with the provisions of section 51 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, part four of the annual report contains the Merit Protection Commissioner's report on her statutory role and responsibilities.

APPENDICES

The appendices to the annual report provide detailed information tables on staffing and other matters relevant to the Commission's business, including Financial Statements at Appendix B and a statement as required under subsection 8(1) of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* at Appendix E.

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