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Elise Archer, Attorney-General

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## Greens out of line

The action taken by the Greens today to refer WorkSafe Tasmania along with myself and Minister Barnett to the Integrity Commission for investigation is disgraceful.

As our Government has said repeatedly, the decision was a matter for the regulator and made independently of the Government.

This is simply yet another example of opposition parties trying to politicise the Integrity Commission.

The actions taken today are particularly disappointing given the Integrity Commission itself has expressed concern about the kinds of comments made by the Greens today.

As stated by the Chief Commissioner and CEO of the Integrity Commission in their 2017/18 Annual Report:

*"Less positively, we saw some occasions when the making of a complaint to us became the subject of political comment. Indeed, there were occasions on which a public commitment was made to refer a matter to us but nothing eventuated.*

*It is of great concern that public statements have been made by Members of Parliament about possible or actual complaints to the Integrity Commission."*

The Greens should be ashamed of themselves for wasting the Integrity Commission's time.