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**WITNESS LIAISON  
OFFICER**



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## **What is a Witness Liaison Officer?**

The NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (“the Commission”) now has a Witness Liaison Officer. The role of the witness liaison officer is to look after the wellbeing needs of witnesses. The Witness Liaison Officer is a qualified social worker with experience in working with victims of crime, witnesses and family members involved in domestic and family violence, sexual assault, and manslaughter/murder trials.

## **How can witness liaison help me as a witness?**

The Witness Liaison Officer receives requests from Commission officers for assistance to be given to witnesses. The Witness Liaison Officer will contact the witness to assess their wellbeing and to formulate an engagement plan to meet those needs. The Witness Liaison Officer does not discuss evidence, give legal advice, or provide ongoing counselling to witnesses.

## **How should I be feeling as a witness?**

As a witness, you may be affected by your experience of being interviewed by Commission officers or receiving a summons. Witnesses report common effects such as:

- being stressed and anxious
- having difficulties sleeping
- trouble concentrating.

## **What supports and resources can I access as a witness?**

The Witness Liaison Officer can refer witnesses to external support services that can assist witnesses with their psychological wellbeing needs. The support service will arrange an appointment with the witness for counselling support to be provided. The Commission will fund up to six support sessions and may fund additional sessions on a case-by-case basis.

### **Other support providers include:**

**Lifeline:** telephone 13 11 14

**Beyond Blue:** telephone 1300 224 636

For further information about witness liaison and support, please call the Witness Liaison Officer on (02) 8281-5999 or email [witnessliaison@icac.nsw.gov.au](mailto:witnessliaison@icac.nsw.gov.au).