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Corruption fighter takes aim

CORRUPTION buster George Brouwer is chasing dozens of bent Victoria Police officers, retired and serving, who he describes as legends in their own lifetime.

They are household names within the force and some are well known to the public.

As director of the Office of Police

Integrity, Mr Brouwer is using new powers to go back to the 1970s to weed out corrupt police and possibly charge retired officers.

"Unfortunately, these serving and former officers are living proof to junior members that if police stick together they can beat the system," Mr Brouwer said.

"I intend to show that such

misguided loyalty will no longer be tolerated. I will use my coercive powers to get to the truth wherever necessary."

Mr Brouwer told the *Herald Sun* he would discuss with Victoria Police a number of radical changes he wants the force to introduce.

These include:

VIDEO recording police searches.

RANDOM and specific drug testing of police.

REVIEWING the widespread practice of police having second jobs.

CHANGING the appeal process to stop the Chief Commissioner's decisions to sack or discipline officers being overturned on appeal.

MORE secret integrity testing of

officers suspected of being corrupt and greater physical and electronic surveillance of them.

Mr Brouwer yesterday criticised proposals calling for the integrity office to be scrapped and replaced by a royal commission that would lead to a permanent and independent anti-corruption commission.

"Such proposals completely fail to understand that we are each of these things already," he said.

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