

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC  
AND FAMILY VIOLENCE**

*Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950  
Section 5(1)(d)*

**STATEMENT OF BEN BJARNESSEN**

<b>Name of Witness:</b>	<b>Ben Bjarnesen</b>
<b>Date of birth:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Current address:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Occupation:</b>	<b>Managing Director</b>
<b>Contact details (phone/email):</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Statement taken by:</b>	<b>Julie Aylward</b>

I, Ben Bjarnesen, make oath and state as follows:

1. I am the Founder and Managing Director of the LGBTQ Domestic Violence Awareness Foundation (LGBTQ DVAF).
2. LGBTQ DVAF supports LGBTQ victims and survivors of domestic violence and abuse through awareness, education and breaking down barriers to accessing help.
3. On 24 June 2022 on behalf of LGBTQ DVAF, I forwarded a submission to the Commission of Inquiry. The evidence that I wish to give to the Commission is outlined in this submission.

**A copy of the submission to the Commission from LGBTQ DVAF is attached as Annexure A.**

Witness signature

Justice of the Peace/Commissioner for Declarations/Lawyer

## OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)

I Ben Bjarnesen do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- (1) This written statement by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything I know to be false.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1867*.

Signature

Taken and declared before me at Kororua this 21<sup>st</sup> day of JULY, 2022.

Taken By

Justice of the Peace / Commissioner for Declarations / Lawyer

Witness signature

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