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

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COMMISSIONER: Can I have the appearances since we've got some different appearances this afternoon.

MS O'GORMAN: Thank you, Commissioner. My name is O'Gorman, initials RM, of Queen's Counsel. I appear with my learned junior, Ms Cappellano, initials AC, for the Counsel Assisting team.

COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

MS IRELAND: Good afternoon, Commissioner. My name is Ireland, I-R-E-L-A-N-D, initial A, lawyer for the Queensland Police Service.

COMMISSIONER: Thank you.

MS MORRIS: Thank you, Commissioner. For the record, my name is Morris, M-O-R-R-I-S, initial M, solicitor in the employ of Gilshenan & Luton legal practice and I appear for the Queensland Police Union of Employees.

COMMISSIONER: Thanks, Ms Morris.

MS BROMLEY: If it please the Commission, my name is Bromley, initials NH, solicitor instructed by Women's Legal Service Queensland.

COMMISSIONER: Thank you. Now, on Thursday 18 August 2022 the Commissioner of Police, Katarina Carroll, gave evidence before this Commission. After considering the answers to the questions put to her at that hearing and upon receiving further communications from current and former members of the QPS since that hearing, the Commission has decided that it's necessary to re-open the call for submissions.

The Commission is particularly interested in any cultural or other issues that may be affecting the ability of officers to effectively undertake the important and onerous task of protecting our most vulnerable citizens. Any parties who may have further information relevant to our inquiries into the current culture within the Police Service are asked to email a submission by close of business on 5 September 2022.

Any submissions of course can be treated confidentially. Of the submissions we've already received many of those officers have asked to be treated

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confidentially, and that request will be honoured. If for any reason any party is uncomfortable putting matters in writing they can also call the Commission and ask to speak to Counsel Assisting, and that request will be attended to.

The Commission will also arrange for a recording of Katarina Carroll's evidence to be uploaded to the website to assist any individual who may wish to address any of the issues canvassed during her evidence. Transcripts of the evidence given during the hearings are also available on the website, together with any statements and documents publicly tendered.

I would particularly urge any current members of the QPS to provide any further information to the Commission as may assist in the accurate, full and fair reporting of these matters in the final report. Any decision about further public hearings will be made after 5 September 2022 when the new closing date for submissions has passed.

Anything arising, Ms O'Gorman?

MS O'GORMAN: Nothing from Counsel Assisting, thank you, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER: Does anybody else have any submissions? All right. We'll be in touch if we have anything further we need to add. Thank you.

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