

Australian Government

Defence

Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

Sharing IGADF information with the Royal Commission

I write this message to make clear what you can and can't discuss with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide regarding your experience in an Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (**IGADF**) matter.

It's important to note this message does <u>not</u> affect any Court or Tribunal order restricting disclosure of IGADF information. You <u>must</u> comply with any such order.

IGADF examines sensitive matters. IGADF staff will sometimes issue directions restricting the disclosure of information.

I authorise you to disclose <u>any</u> IGADF information to the Royal Commission on the following conditions:

- You <u>must</u> inform the Royal Commission of any non-disclosure direction so that it can appropriately deal with the information.
- You must <u>not</u> disclose information from the IGADF Afghanistan Inquiry.

Finally, the Royal Commission has co-signed an agreement with the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and Departments of Defence and Veterans' Affairs to provide stronger legal protections for serving and ex-serving ADF members who voluntarily share information relating to its terms of reference.

James Gaynor CSC Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

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