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**OFFICE OF THE
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF THE
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE**

**INQUIRY INTO THE DEATHS OF FOUR AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE MEMBERS
IN THE CRASH OF A MRH-90 TAIWAN HELICOPTER ON 28 JULY 2023**

DIRECTION No.4 of 2024

Direction:

Pursuant to Section 28M(1)-(2) of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016*, and upon the ground that it is necessary to do so in the interests of fairness to Mr Daniel Nugent, I direct that:

1. there be no publication by any person or news media organisation of the footage of the live streaming of Mr Daniel Nugent's evidence to this Inquiry; and
2. this Direction applies throughout the Commonwealth for a period of 50 years.

Reasons:

I have heard the application made by Counsel Assisting the Inquiry on Mr Daniel Nugent's behalf during the hearing on 29 April 2024. I am satisfied that it is necessary to make this Direction to protect the interests of Mr Daniel Nugent, who is an officer in the NSW Police on the basis that any further publication (i.e. other than by the Inquiry via the live stream) of his evidence may adversely impact on his past roles or potential future roles within the NSW Police.

Definitions:

"publish" means disseminate or provide access to the public or a section of the public by any means, including by –

- (a) publication in a book, newspaper, magazine or other written publication, or
- (b) broadcast by radio or television, or
- (c) public exhibition, or
- (d) broadcast or publication by means of the Internet.

"news media organisation" means a commercial enterprise that engages in the business of broadcasting or publishing news or a public broadcasting service that engages in the dissemination of news through a public news medium.

Note: Pursuant to s 21(3) of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016*, a person commits an offence if the person contravenes a direction given under Section 21(1). The penalty is 10 penalty units.

The Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC
Assistant Inspector-General ADF

29 April 2024