



Australian Government

Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

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

DIRECTION No.4 of 2025

AMENDMENT 1

1. This Instrument amends the Inquiry's Direction No. 4 of 2025 made on 19 March 2025 (IGADF/BN98858286).
2. Pursuant to Sections 21(1)-(2) and 28M (1)-(2) of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016* (Regulation), Direction No.2 of 2025 that I made on 28 February 2025 (IGADF/BN97954051), the oral reasons that I gave on Day 36 of the public hearings on 28 February 2025 (T5533: 1-15) and upon the ground that it is necessary to do so in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth, I direct that:
 - a. there be no publication or other disclosure of the real name of [REDACTED] in the following transcripts:
 - i. Day 35, T5526 lines 6 – 8
 - ii. Day 35, T5527 line 31
 - iii. Day 36, T5533 lines 1- 15
 - b. [REDACTED] be referred to in the transcript references listed above as D145;
 - c. [REDACTED] does not require a pseudonym for any other purpose;
 - d. this Direction applies throughout the Commonwealth for a period of 50 years.

Reasons:

[REDACTED] does not have a protected identity. Therefore, he does not require a permanent pseudonym. However, his pseudonym will be applied to any references made to his name during the evidence of MAJ Glenn McCall on 27 February 2025 for the reasons outlined in my Direction No.2 of 2025 that I made on 28 February 2025 (IGADF/BN97954051). My oral reasons for this direction, which I delivered on 28 February 2025, will also be redacted.

Definitions:

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

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- (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.

“disclose” means referring to the real name of [REDACTED] in public in the limited terms outlined above, whether that be orally or in writing. This direction, however, does not prevent a person from disclosing the real name of [REDACTED] if the disclosure is not by publication and it is made in the course of performing functions or duties or exercising powers in a public official capacity-

- (a) in connection with the conduct of the Inquiry or the recovery or enforcement of any penalty imposed under Sections 21(3) or 28M(3) of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016*, or
- (b) in compliance with any procedure adopted by the Inquiry for informing a news media organisation of the existence and content of this Direction.

This Direction, does not prevent the disclosure of the real name of [REDACTED] to the Australian Defence Force if the disclosure is not by publication and the disclosure is made for the purposes of assisting the Australian Defence Force to properly implement any recommendations that the Inquiry may make.

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
02 April 2025

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