



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. 5 of 2025

AMENDMENT 3

1. This Instrument amends the Inquiry's Direction No. 5 of 2025 made on 21 March 2025 (IGADF/BN99068185).
2. Pursuant to sections 17 to 21 and 28M inclusive of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016 (as amended)*, the *Inquiry's Practice Note 01/2024*, my direction No.1 of 2025, and upon the ground that it is necessary to do so in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth, I direct that:
 - a. The redacted transcript of the evidence of Mr Mike Grant that was heard in private session on 27 March 2025, which is now classified as OFFICIAL, may be published on the Inquiry's webpage.
 - b. The prohibitions on persons attending the private view on 27 March 2025 from publishing or disclosing any information about the evidence, heard during that private hearing and now published in the redacted transcript, are rescinded.
 - c. The Inquiry prohibition on medical practitioners or other support persons, to whom those attending the private hearing on 27 March 2025 may have spoken, from publishing any information about the discussion of evidence, now published in the redacted transcript, during that private hearing, is also rescinded.
 - d. This Direction applies throughout the Commonwealth for a period of 50 years.

Reasons:

In May 2025, following the completion of the Inquiry's public hearings, the Defence Flight Safety Bureau published an OFFICIAL version of the Aviation Safety Investigation Report into the crash of Bushman 83 on its website, together with enclosures to the report that were prepared by Mr Mike Grant and other persons at the Defence Science Technology Group.

The Commonwealth has since confirmed to the Inquiry that the majority of the evidence that Mr Grant gave during his private hearing on 27 March 2025 is now classified as

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OFFICIAL, rather than OFFICIAL:Sensitive. Any information that remains at the OFFICIAL:Sensitive level has been redacted, by agreement, from the transcript.

Therefore, the redacted transcript of this private hearing has now been classified as OFFICIAL and can therefore be published on the Inquiry's webpage.

The Honourable Margaret McMurdo AC

Assistant Inspector-General ADF

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