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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.13 of 2025

AMENDMENT 2

1. This Instrument amends the Inquiry's Direction No. 13 of 2025 made on 29 April 2025.
2. Pursuant to Sections 21(1)-(2) and 28 M (1)-(2) of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016* (Regulation), and upon the grounds that it is necessary to do so in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth and for fairness to persons who may be affected by the Inquiry, I direct that:
 - a. The redacted transcript of the evidence of Dr Braden McGrath that was heard in private session on 29 April 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 29 April 2025, or who were subsequently permitted to read the OFFICIAL:Sensitive transcript of Dr McGrath's evidence, from publishing or disclosing any information about the evidence that is now published in the redacted transcript, are rescinded.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 or who read the OFFICIAL:Sensitive version of the transcript may have spoken, from publishing any information about the discussion of evidence during that private hearing, is also rescinded.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 an enclosure to the report that was prepared by Dr Braden McGrath.

The Commonwealth has since confirmed to the Inquiry that the evidence that Dr McGrath gave during his private hearing on 29 April 2025 is now classified as OFFICIAL, rather than

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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

22 July 2025

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