



Australian Government

Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

DIRECTION LIMITING DISCLOSURE

IGADF OWN-INITIATIVE INQUIRY 1/24

WEAPONISATION OF THE MILITARY JUSTICE SYSTEM

COMPILATION

Background

I have completed my Inquiry into the weaponisation of the military justice system (the Inquiry).

This Instrument is a compilation of the original Direction in relation to the Inquiry, dated 1 December 2025 (the Original Direction) and the Direction Amendment, dated 27 May 2026.

Formal Direction

Consistent with the Original Direction, I remain satisfied that it is necessary in the interests of the defence of the Commonwealth and of fairness to persons who may be affected by the Inquiry, to restrict the disclosure of all or any part of the following classes of inquiry-related information (the 'covered information'):

- submissions or any other evidence or information sourced by the Inquiry or provided by any person to the Inquiry
- documents or other material that disclose any deliberation in relation to the Inquiry, including but not limited to file notes, records of meetings, and correspondence
- the draft report and its enclosures.

The final report and its enclosures, which I have now published, do **not** constitute covered information.

Direction. Under sections 21 and 28M of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016* (IGADF Regulation):

1. Any person who has access to the covered information is bound by this Direction.
2. There must be no disclosure of any draft report except as required for the Chief of the Defence Force to seek and provide comments to the Inspector-General ADF.

- 2A. This Direction does **not** prevent a person who made a submission to this Inquiry from disclosing their own submission for other lawful purposes. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes, but is not limited to:
- i. making a submission to another investigative or inquiry body
 - ii. discussing the matter with members of immediate family or other close relations or friends
 - iii. obtaining legal advice
 - iv. obtaining treatment from a medical practitioner, or counselling from a registered counsellor or a minister of religion.
3. Otherwise, there must be no disclosure of the covered information beyond the Office of the Inspector-General ADF and members of the IGADF Weaponisation Inquiry Advisory Panel.

Term of Direction. This Direction applies until revoked.

Please note. Sections 21(3) and 28M(3) of the IGADF Regulation impose potential penalties of up to 10 penalty units for contravening this Direction.

Originals signed

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Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

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