



# Australian Government

## Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

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### DISCLOSURE DIRECTION – IGADF MRH-90 INQUIRY

1. I am satisfied that it is necessary, in the interests of fairness to persons who may be affected by the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF) MRH-90 Inquiry, to restrict the disclosure of the draft IGADF MRH-90 Inquiry Report including inquiry-related information ('the Draft Report').

2. Therefore I make the following direction under sections 21 and 28M of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016* ('the IGADF Regulation') in relation to the Draft Report.

#### Non-disclosure and handling of the Draft Report

3. Pursuant to subsections 21(1) and 28M(1) of the IGADF Regulation, a person must not disclose any part of the Draft Report to, or discuss any information contained in the Draft Report with, any other person or entity. A person must not do anything that creates another copy of any aspect of the Draft Report, including taking a photograph of any part of the Draft Report. This prohibition does not extend to referring to a part of the Draft Report in any written submission made to the Inquiry.

#### Permitted disclosures

4. An exception to this Direction applies where disclosure is necessary for the purpose of obtaining legal advice in relation to the preparation of comments or submissions to the Inquiry, or for the purpose of obtaining professional support. In such circumstances, a person may disclose the Draft Report to, or discuss its contents with, any of the following:

- a. A legal adviser (being a lawyer practising in Australia)
- b. A health practitioner registered in Australia
- c. A priest, qualified counsellor, or a helpline service
- d. A person providing welfare support to a family member (including another family member or friend)
- e. Any family member of the other deceased aircrew who has been provided with a copy of the Draft Report.

**Obligation to inform third parties**

5. A person who makes disclosure under paragraph 4 must inform the recipient that this Direction, made under sections 21 and 28M of the IGADF Regulation, applies to them and that they are not authorised to disclose any aspect of the Draft Report to any other person without my permission. A copy of this Direction must be provided to the recipient before any discussion of the contents of the Draft Report.

**Offence provision**

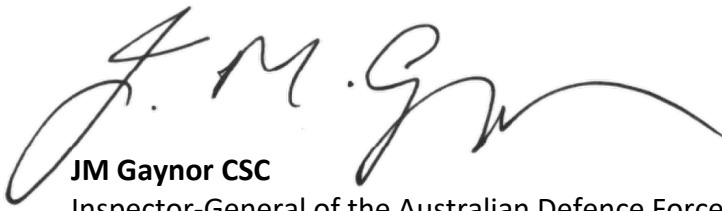
6. Pursuant to subsections 21(3) and 28M(3) of the IGADF Regulation, a person commits an offence if the person contravenes a direction given under subsections 21(1) or 28M(1) respectively. The applicable maximum penalty is 10 penalty units (totalling \$3300).

**Please note:**

- This Direction does not apply to information that was known to a person before, or independently of, the IGADF MRH-90 Inquiry. However, this Direction does apply to whether and how the IGADF MRH-90 Inquiry has received and used such information.

I acknowledge that reading the Draft Report will likely be distressing, and encourage persons doing so to use their existing support networks. Additionally, the following services are available:

- **Open Arms** – call 1800 011 046 to access for counselling for current ADF members, veterans and families including a free-call all-hours crisis telephone service as well as face to face support. Open Arms is not part of Defence [www.openarms.gov.au](http://www.openarms.gov.au)
- **Lifeline Australia** - call 13 11 14 for crisis support 24-hours each day.



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