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Mr Jason Yat-Sen Li, MP Chair, Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption NSW Parliament House 6 Macquarie Street Sydney NSW 2000

By email: icaccommittee@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Chair

I would like to thank the Committee again for the opportunity to give evidence on Thursday 15 February 2023.

Please find *attached* the draft transcript with my proposed amendments.

Verbal inaccuracies

Under the Legislative Assembly's Standing Order 293, I propose the following amendments to be made, which have been marked on the transcript in red text:

- 1. Page 1- 'forward' should be amended to 'foreword'
- 2. Page 6- 'delegation' should be amended to 'regulation'
- 3. The following words should be capitalised:
 - a. Commission;
 - b. Chief Commissioner;
 - c. Inspector;
 - d. Assistant Inspector;
 - e. Office of the Inspector;
 - f. Memorandum of Understanding;
 - g. Solicitor to the Commission;
 - h. Parliamentary Committee;
 - i. Committee;
 - j. Audit Risk Committee;
 - k. Executive Management Group; and
 - l. Investigation Management Group.

Clarifying my evidence

I also would like to clarify two sections of the transcript, which I have highlighted in green:

1. On page 3:

"The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO: Are any of those victims — that you might refer to them as — taking further action as a result of that breach of privacy?

GAIL FURNESS: If I believed it was as a result of a systems error that remained unfixed, yes. If I believed it was not inadvertent, yes. But in each case, I've been satisfied that it was inadvertent, and certainly there was no intention to do it in any of the cases that I've seen. There has been systems reform in respect of each of those and/or there's been performance-plan-type things in relation to the relevant staff."

The above evidence relates to the previous answer I gave which concerned a recent 'inadvertent disclosure' and the Commission implementing systems and processes to address the issues.

2. On page 4:

"The Hon. JACQUI MUNRO: In another of the special reports — the 2023/02 one — relating to the time that it took to furnish <u>your report</u>, I was wondering if you made those recommendations around timing with a view to what is achievable? Or was it based on what is ideal?"

The special report which Ms Munro refers above is the Commission's own report in relation to Operation Keppel and not my Special Report 2023/02.

If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact my Office:



Sincerely



Gail Furness SC Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption