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Mr Phillip Donato MP
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the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission
and the Crime Commission

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BY EMAIL

Re: 2024 review of annual and other reports of oversight agencies

Dear Chair

I refer to your email dated 9 April 2025 and the attached draft Transcript of Evidence – 2024 review of annual and other reports of oversight agencies.

Clarification

I have read the draft transcript and would like to clarify my evidence set out on page 23. In my opening statement I stated:

“... As part of that, I have quarterly meetings with the Commissioners and with the chief executive and, if necessary, Mr Kirkpatrick.”

The reference I made to ‘chief executive’ refers to the Chief Executive Officer, Ms Christina Anderson.

Complaint handling process

At page 27 of the transcript Mr Vo MP asked me the following question:

“You mentioned we still have the investigations or the complaint handling process by the New South Wales police. Can you summarise that process, the internal process by the New South Wales police?”

Although Mr Vo did not request that I take that question on notice, it may be of assistance to him and the Committee to peruse Chapter 4 of the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission’s report, Analysis of complaints made by or on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People- An Observations Paper (**attached**). This chapter sets out in detail the NSW Police Force’s internal complaint handling processes.

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Sincerely



Bruce McClintock SC

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Attachment

Law Enforcement Conduct Commission, [Analysis of complaints made by or on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – an observations paper](#), tabled 26 June 2024.

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Dear Mr Donato MP,

On 21 March 2025, I appeared before a Hearing held by the Committee on the Ombudsman, the Law Enforcement Conduct Commission and the Crime Commission. I was joined by colleagues, Mr Mike Wilde, Chief Operating Officer, and Ms Nicole Lawless, Executive Director, Legal and Confiscations.

During the hearing we took a question on notice, and on 11 April 2025, the Committee asked a further seven supplementary questions for response by Thursday 24 April 2025.

The Commission's responses are provided as an attachment with this letter.

In addition, I would like to request a small correction to the evidence given at the 21 March 2025 Hearing. On page 12 of the transcript, Ms Nicole Lawless stated:

There have been times when we've discontinued over the course of the CARA legislation.

Ms Lawless is of the view that she said 'proceeding' (instead of 'legislation') at the end of this sentence. In any case, this is what would have been intended given the context of what was being discussed. As such, I kindly request consideration for the transcript to be updated to reflect this.

I would like to thank the Committee for its time in facilitating the recent hearing and express my appreciation for the further interest into the Commission's operations through the supplementary questions received from members.

If you have any further questions about the information submitted in response, I welcome you to contact my office via ocom@crimecommission.nsw.gov.au for clarification or follow-up discussion.

Kind regards,



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