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Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950

COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ORDER (No.2) 2022

Short title

1. This Order in Council may be cited as the *Commissions of Inquiry Order (No.2) 2022*.

Commencement

2. This Order in Council commences on 30 May 2022.

Appointment of Commission

3. UNDER the provisions of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950*, the Governor in Council hereby appoints Her Honour Judge Deborah Jane Richards, as Commissioner, from 30 May 2022, to make full and careful inquiry in an open and independent manner with respect to the following matters identified in the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce: *Hear her voice Report One – Addressing coercive control and domestic and family violence in Queensland* (the Report):
 - a) whether there is, and if so, the extent and nature of, any cultural issues within the Queensland Police Service (QPS) relating to the investigation of domestic and family violence identified in the Report;
 - b) how any cultural issues identified within the QPS relating to the investigation of domestic and family violence have contributed to the overrepresentation of First Nations people in the criminal justice system;
 - c) the capability, capacity and structure of the QPS to respond to domestic and family violence, having regard to initiatives undertaken by the QPS in responses to previous reports and events;
 - d) the adequacy of the current conduct and complaints handling processes against officers to ensure community confidence in the QPS;
 - e) AND any other matter the Commission considers relevant for consideration to deliver its Report.
4. AND in carrying out the inquiry the Commission will take into account:
 - a) the findings and recommendations of the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce Reports, the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic Violence in Queensland Report*; and
 - b) any other relevant findings, reports, research and expert advice.

Commission to report and make recommendations

5. AND directs that the Commission make full and faithful report and recommendations on the aforesaid subject matter of the inquiry, including an executive summary.
6. WITHOUT limiting the ability of the Commission to make findings in respect to the conduct of individual persons as may arise during the course of its inquiries, the Commission should ensure that the primary focus of its inquiries are the systemic matters outlined in clause 3.
7. WITHOUT limiting the recommendations arising out of the inquiry, the recommendations should identify how to most effectively address the issues identified by the inquiry according to the extent of the cultural issues identified, including which strategies should receive the highest priority.
8. AND directs that the Report be transmitted to the Honourable the Premier and Minister for the Olympics, the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, and the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services by 4 October 2022.

Application of Act

9. Pursuant to section 4(2) of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950*, it is declared that all of the provisions of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* shall be applicable for the purposes of this inquiry, except for section 19C (Authority to use listening devices).

Conduct of inquiry

10. The Commission may receive submissions from relevant individuals and entities and hold public and private hearings in such a manner and in such locations as determined by the Commission, as appropriate and convenient and in a way that protects and promotes the rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019*.
11. In regard to clause 9, the Commission should take into account the extensive public consultation already conducted by the Women's Safety and Justice Taskforce Reports and the *Not Now, Not Ever: Putting an End to Domestic Violence in Queensland Report*.

ENDNOTES

1. Made by the Governor in Council on 9 May 2022.
2. Notified in the Gazette on 11 May 2022.
3. Not required to be laid before the Legislative Assembly.
4. The administering agency is the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

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