



Australian Government

Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force

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DIRECTION RESTRICTING DISCLOSURE

I have directed an inquiry into the 'Weaponisation' of the Military Justice System (the Inquiry). The Inquiry is open and a report is yet to be finalised.

Fairness demands that the identity of participants to the Inquiry, and any of their opinions, evidence, submissions and other information related to their participation and the Inquiry's deliberations, are not disclosed except as provided by the Direction below, in particular while the Inquiry and its report remain incomplete.

Further, it is critical to the integrity of the Inquiry, its anticipated outcomes, and the decisions the Australian Defence Force makes in respect of those outcomes, that disclosure of certain information be restricted outside of:

- the Office of the IGADF
- members of the IGADF Weaponisation Inquiry Advisory Panel
- any Defence employees or ADF members who have been invited by the Chief of the Defence Force to comment upon any relevant inquiry-related information as defined by section 28K of the *Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force Regulation 2016* ('the IGADF Regulation').

Formal Direction

I am 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.

Direction. Under sections 21 and 28M of the IGADF Regulation:

1. Any person who has access to the covered information is bound by this Direction.

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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.
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.

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