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Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950

Commissions of Inquiry Order (No.3) 2022

Short title

1. This Order in Council may be cited as the *Commissions of Inquiry Order (No.3) 2022*.

Commencement

2. This Order in Council commences on Monday 13 June 2022.

Appointment of Commission

3. UNDER the provisions of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950*, the Governor in Council hereby appoints Walter Sofronoff QC, as Commissioner, from Monday 13 June 2022, to make full and careful inquiry in an open and independent manner with respect to:
 - a) whether the methods, systems and processes used by the Queensland Police Service and the Forensic and Scientific Services for forensic Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) collection, testing and analysis are, and have been, reliable, conducted in accordance with best international practice, and result in, and have resulted in, accurate reporting of the presence of DNA in samples submitted for testing and accurate matching of DNA samples; and,
 - b) whether, if such methods, systems or processes are not, or have not been, reliable, or conducted in accordance with best international practice, or do not result, or have not resulted, in accurate reporting or accurate matching, the reasons for any such failure.

Commission to report and make recommendations

4. AND directs that the Commissioner make full and faithful report and recommendations on the aforesaid subject matter of the inquiry, including an executive summary.

5. AND directs that the Report be transmitted to the Honourable the Premier and Minister for the Olympics, the Honourable Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and the Honourable Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

6. AND directs that the final report be provided within six months of commencement of the Commission, that is, by 13 December 2022, AND that the Commissioner will determine whether an interim report is provided before that date.

Application of Act

7. 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

8. 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 Commissioner, as appropriate and convenient and in a way that protects and promotes the rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Endnotes

1. Made by the Governor in Council on 10 June 2022.
2. Notified in the Gazette on 10 June 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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