

**Royal Commission
into the Management of Police Informants**

STATEMENT OF MARK WOOLFE

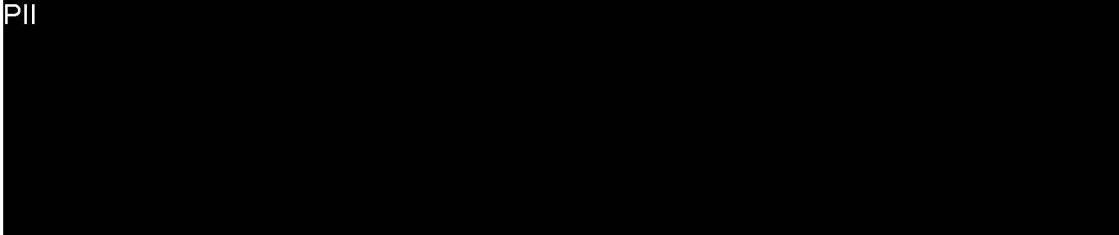
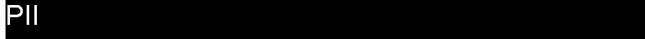


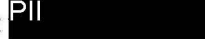

1. My full name is Mark Woolfe. I am a Detective Senior Sergeant stationed at State Crime Squad. I am currently on leave due to a back injury.
2. I make this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 19 March 2019.

Educational background and employment history

3. I joined the police force in 1984 and completed my Academy training in November 1984. Following my initial station training, I completed my retention training at the Academy in February 1986. A summary of my employment history since that time is as follows:
 - Constable at Broadmeadows uniform, 1986
 - Broadmeadows CIB, Dec 1988
 - D/S/C, Homicide Squad, June 1993
 - Uniform Sergeant, Heidelberg Uniform, September 1996
 - Detective Sergeant, Drugs Squad, September 1997
 - Promoted to Uniform Senior Sgt, Region 4, Division 1, mid-2001
 - Detective Senior Sergeant seconded to the Organised Crimes Squad, approximately 2003, and obtained a permanent position there 6 months later. Remained at the Organised Crime Squad for 3 years
 - Detective Senior Sergeant, Drug Squad, for 1 year
 - Detective Senior Sergeant, Sex Crimes Squad, 3 years
 - Detective Senior Sergeant, Fraud Squad, 6 years.
4. I have completed a large number of Victoria Police training courses, including the following:
 - Detective Training School, January 1989
 - Sub Officers Course, approximately June 1996
 - Advanced Detective Training, 1998
 - Brief Managers Course
 - Informer Management Course

Involvement or association with any investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo (question 2)

5. I have had no involvement or association with any investigation which had dealings with Ms Gobbo.

6. I recall meeting Ms Gobbo on one occasion while I was a Detective Sergeant at the Drug Squad. I attended court to observe a hearing in which one of my team members was the informant. I can't recall the precise court or hearing but I think it was a County Court trial. On that occasion someone introduced me to Ms Gobbo. We were introduced and had no further conversation.
7. I have had no further contact or dealings with Ms Gobbo.
8. PII 
9. I believe PII . If they were PII  my diary would have recorded the name of the operation the informer refers to.
10. Although I do not recall the identity PII  I can categorically state that PII  was not Ms Gobbo. It is possible that Ms Gobbo PII  but I do not have a recollection of this.

Use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (questions 3-8)

Question 3

11. I have no knowledge of Ms Gobbo providing information to police. To my knowledge, she was not providing information or assistance to the Drug Squad during the time that I was there.
12. I first learned that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police when I learned about it through the media.

Questions 4 and 5

13. I have no knowledge in relation to these matters.

Question 6

14. I refer to my response to question 2.

Questions 7 and 8

15. I have no knowledge in relation to these matters.

Concerns in relation to Ms Gobbo (questions 9-11)

16. I have no knowledge in relation to these matters.

Other relevant mattersQuestion 12

17. I have never been aware of a human source who was subject to legal obligations of confidentiality or privilege.

Question 13

18. I do not recall all of the specific training I have undertaken while at Victoria Police, and do not have access to the specific topics covered in those courses. However, I recall receiving the following training or retraining in relation to the identified topics:

- a) I believe that training regarding disclosure obligations formed of the Informer Management Course which I undertook while at the Drug Squad.
- b) The right of an accused person to silence is part of initial training conducted at the Academy training and is reinforced in subsequent courses. It is repeated every time a police member cautions an accused.
- c) The right of an accused person a legal practitioner is part of initial training conducted at the Academy training and is reinforced in subsequent courses. It is repeated every time a police member cautions an accused.
- d) I believe that legal professional privilege would have been covered during my Academy training, Detective Training School and Advanced Detective Training School.
- e) I would have received training in public interest immunity during Detective Training School and Advanced Detective Training School. It may also have been covered during the Sub-Officers Course.
- f) I expect this would have been covered at Academy and reinforced in subsequent training, including the Sergeant's course.

Question 14

19. I have nothing further to add in response to question 14.

Dated: 22 March 2019

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Woolfe', written over a dotted line.

Mark Woolfe