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

STATEMENT OF PETER TRICHIAS

1. My full name is Peter Trichias. I am a Detective Senior Sergeant currently assigned to the Homicide Squad.
2. On 27 March 2019, I made a statement in response to a request to the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 20 March 2019 (**First Statement**). My First Statement was limited to my involvement in, and awareness of, Ms Gobbo's dealings with Victoria Police in 1993.
3. On 13 May 2019, I made a second statement in relation to my involvement in, and awareness of, Ms Gobbo's dealings with Victoria Police for the period 2000 to 2005 (**Second Statement**).
4. In this my third statement to the Royal Commission, I address my involvement in, and awareness of, Ms Gobbo's dealings with Victoria Police after 2005, and the other questions asked in the Royal Commission's letter to me dated 20 March 2019.

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

5. In preparation of this my third statement, I have reviewed my diaries and other holdings from 2005 onwards. I have identified the matters set out below involving or relating to Ms Gobbo.

Purana Task Force

6. As identified in my Second Statement, during my time at the Purana Task Force from May 2003 to June 2005, and while on higher duties assignment with the Purana Task Force during the period June 2005 to December 2006, I was primarily responsible for the investigation PII.
7. My diary records that on PII 2006, I was contacted by PII a corrections officer (Corrections, a prison) who informed me that PII wanted to cancel a meeting with me that had been scheduled for the following day, because Ms Gobbo was going to PII to meet PII relative and PII wanted to be there as a support person. Ms Gobbo was not PII's lawyer.
8. My diary records that on PII 2006, I was contacted by PII (Corrections, a prison) who informed me that Ms Gobbo had attended PII to meet with PII and PII but was not aware that the PII of PII

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wanted to meet her. As Ms Gobbo was not on the [REDACTED] Ms Gobbo did not meet with him or P^{PII} [REDACTED]

9. My diary records that on [REDACTED] 2006, I attended a prison to meet with P [REDACTED] with Grant Kelly and Margaret Schultz. P^{PII} [REDACTED] told me during that meeting that Ms Gobbo spoke to Tony Mokbel on [REDACTED]. My diary records that later that day I relayed this information to Jim O'Brien.
10. My diary records that on 7 December 2006, Grant Kelly informed me that the information provided by P^{PII} [REDACTED] was of nil value and that Dale Flynn had executed a search warrant and checked Ms Gobbo's diary. I have located Information Report INT06IR210544 which confirms this.¹
11. My diary records that on [REDACTED] 2006, I went to visit P^{PII} [REDACTED] and during my conversation with P^{PII} [REDACTED] explained the outcome of the information he provided.
12. My diary records that on [REDACTED] 2007, I went to visit P^{PII} [REDACTED] who told me that [REDACTED] was having problems and had sacked Ms Gobbo and was now with [REDACTED]
13. My diary records that on 18 January 2017, I discussed with Jim O'Brien phone intercepts of Tony Mokbel's phone on 3 April 2004, in which Mr Mokbel spoke to Ms Gobbo. [REDACTED] Jim O'Brien told me that Ms Gobbo had told him that she had no recollection of her conversation with Mr Mokbel on that day; it was not unusual as Mr Mokbel was living with her in Beach Street South Melbourne at that time.

Briars Task Force

14. From April 2007 to March 2008, I was a Detective Sergeant with the Briars Task Force, investigating the murder of Shane Chartres-Abbott. I was also involved in Operation Clonk which investigated the murder prior to the formation of the Briars Task Force.
15. I became involved in these investigations because of the involvement of [REDACTED]. In June 2006, [REDACTED] me that they had been [REDACTED]. I was involved in the investigation and [REDACTED]. As the investigation progressed I became aware of suspected police involvement in the murder. As a result, the investigation progressed into the Briars Task Force.
16. I cannot recall the precise date and have not been able to locate any entries in my diary, but late in my involvement in the Briars Task Force in either late 2007 or early 2008, I was told by Ron Iddles that Ms Gobbo was a potential witness in relation to the murder. Mr Iddles and Steve Waddell were dealing with Ms Gobbo in relation to this. During this time I became aware that D/S/S Jones was handling Ms Gobbo. As I knew D/S/S Jones was with the Source Development Unit, I assumed that Ms Gobbo was a human source as well as a potential witness. I do not recall being told specifically that Ms Gobbo was a human source.

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17. I also became aware at some point that Ms Gobbo was a potential witness for the Petra Task Force.

Use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Questions 3 to 8)Question 3

18. I refer to my answer to Question 2 above.

Questions 4 & 5

19. I refer to my answer to Question 2 above. I believe that Mr Iddles, Mr Waddell and D/S/S Jones were aware that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police.
20. I do not have any knowledge as to who was involved in the authorisation of the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source, although I assume D/S/S Jones would have been involved.

Question 6

21. I do not recall having any personal contact with Ms Gobbo, other than as set out in my First Statement.

Questions 7 & 8

22. As set out above, from some time in 2008, I was aware that Ms Gobbo was a potential witness for the Briars and Petra Task Forces and that she had been a human source. I do not know what information was being provided by Ms Gobbo, when or how it was received, or what use was made of it. However I was aware that the information provided related directly to the Briars and Petra Task Forces.

Concerns in relation to use of Ms Gobbo as a human source (Questions 9 to 10)Question 9

23. I am not aware of any concerns being raised at any time about the use of a legal practitioner as a human source.

Question 10

24. During the above mentioned period, I recall that Ron Iddles voiced concerns regarding Ms Gobbo providing a statement in regards to the Briars investigation. I believe that these concerns were raised with management but I was not a party to any discussions regarding this.

Question 11

25. I am not aware of any discussion within Victoria Police about the obligation of disclosure in relation to material concerning the use of Ms Gobbo as a human source.

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Question 13

29. During my time with Victoria Police, I have completed numerous training courses. I do not have access to the content of all of these training courses to confirm the topics covered. However, to the best of my recollection, I believe that I received training and retraining in relation to the identified topics as follows:

(a) Obligation of disclosure – I believe this would have been covered during Academy training and during Detective Training School (DTS). I have also learned about the obligation of disclosure on the job, particularly during my time with the Homicide Squad and the Purana Task Force.

(b) and (c) Right of an accused person to silence and to a legal practitioner – These rights was taught during Academy training and are continually reinforced. The rights are part of the caution given by police.

(d) Legal professional privilege – I believe this was taught during DTS.

(e) Public interest immunity – I have received training on public interest immunity on the job, particularly during my time with the Homicide Squad and the Purana Task Force.

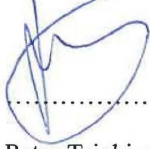
(f) Professional and ethical decision making – Professional and ethical decision making is covered during Academy training, and is constantly reinforced

Question 14

30. There are no other matters relevant to the Commission's terms of reference about which I believe I am able to provide assistance.

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