

24th November 2019

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Via email:
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Dear Sir

Re: Nicola Gobbo
DOB: 16/11/1972

Thank you for your request for a further report regarding Ms. Gobbo. In order to provide further information to the Royal Commission, I have spoken again with Ms. Gobbo via telephone recently (24/11/19).

She confirmed that her mental state is of clinical concern in that she has daily suicidal thoughts (without intent [REDACTED]), and experiences low mood, chronic exhaustion and chronic [REDACTED], rage at and fear of Victoria Police due to their behavior towards her over many years. She is despondent and has no identity or self-esteem. She has chronic [REDACTED] related to her previous stroke and exacerbated by chronic stress. She continues to function [REDACTED].

She confirmed that she has limited concentration due to [REDACTED] and trauma. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Gobbo reported that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ms. Gobbo is attending her [REDACTED] specialist, clinical psychologist and a dentist. She reported that she had cracked three teeth this year due to grinding and clenching her teeth. She feels a level of cumulative exhaustion. She has no car, so she travels everywhere on buses or walks. Her day-to-day life is much as reported in my September 2019 report.

In regards her medication, she has been prescribed [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Answers to your question:

1. Have any of your opinions which you expressed in previous reports changed and if so could you please explain how and why your opinion has changed?

I confirm my previous opinion provided in my report of 29/9/19 as follows:

Ms. Gobbo is not capable of giving evidence before the Commission [REDACTED] and her incapacity to do so is indefinite. Her [REDACTED] and mental state appear to be at the same or worse state than when I first met her in 2010. Her energy and motivation are poor and any functional capability she has is focused on [REDACTED]. She reports cognitive slowing, memory difficulties and concentration problems. She is not reading to any great degree stating that she can't hold the material in her mind (encoding difficulties). She would not be able to cope with giving evidence, remembering events from 13+ years ago or reading the volume of documents that would be required to give evidence.

In addition, I would add that Ms. Gobbo has been diagnosed by myself, two [REDACTED] physicians and other current mental health professionals as suffering **Major Depressive Disorder, [REDACTED] Disorder (thalamic in origin and related to her previous stroke) and PTSD (related to her experiences as an informer).**

My brief examination of Ms. Gobbo via telephone today has not changed my previously provided opinions in reports provided to you and the Commission on 29/9/19 and 16/9/19.



