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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 an Acting Inspector of Police currently assigned to the Missing Persons Squad.
- 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. I have been asked by the Royal Commission to provide a statement in relation to my involvement in, and awareness of, Ms Gobbo's dealings with Victoria Police for the period 2000 to 2005. 1
- 4. From October 2000 to May 2003, I was with the Homicide Squad, performing investigative duties as a Detective Senior Constable, including higher duties as Detective Acting Sergeant. I do not recall having any dealings with Ms Gobbo during this period.
- 5. From May 2003 to June 2005, I was assigned to the Purana Task Force, performing investigative duties as a Detective Senior Constable. During that time, I left the Purana Task Force to perform general duties at Ringwood Police Station for four months and then returned to the Purana Task Force. I do not recall having any dealings with Ms Gobbo during this period.
- 6. While with the Purana Task Force, I was primarily responsible for the investigation into the murder of Lewis Moran. I was also involved in the investigation into the murder of Dino Dibra. I do not believe that Ms Gobbo acted for any of the targets of those operations.
- 7. From June 2005 to December 2006 I was a Sergeant at Prahran Police Station. In this period, I also undertook a higher duties assignment with the Purana Task Force. I do not recall having any dealings with Ms Gobbo during this period.
- 8. I have reviewed my diaries and day books for the period 2000 to 2005 and have not located any entries suggesting I had any dealings with Ms Gobbo, or was aware of any dealings that Ms Gobbo had with Victoria Police, during this period. It is possible that if she was representing defendants during this time, I may have seen her at court or if one of her clients called her while in custody when I was on duty. I do not have any specific recollection of seeing her or speaking to her during this time and I have not found any diary entry or note suggesting I might have seen her or spoken to

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¹ I refer to the email sent to my solicitors Corrs Chambers Westgarth by the solicitors assisting the Royal Commission dated 6 May 2019.

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- her during this time. I did not know or have any reason to believe that Ms Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police during this period.
- 9. As stated in paragraph 7(m) of my First Statement, during the period from April 2007 to March 2008, I was a Detective Sergeant attached to the Briars Task Force. In the time available, I have not had an opportunity to review my diary or any other documents for any entries relevant to Ms Gobbo after 2005, including in relation to the Briars Task Force. I will progress this review and provide a further statement to the Royal Commission as soon as possible.

Dated: 13 May 2019

Peter Trichias

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