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21 February 2020

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Mr Howard Rapke

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Dear Mr Rapke, Ms Tighe & Ms Hall,

Re: Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants

I enclose a further statement on behalf of Sandy White-O

You will note the statement is unsigned. Sandy White-O has advised that the content is true and correct. He is currently not in Melbourne. He has approved the document, and will sign it immediately upon his return.

A signed copy will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

TONY HARGREAVES & PARTNERS

per: A.HARGREAVES

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## Royal Commission into the management of police informants

## Statement of Sandy White-O

## STATES:

- I am making this statement in response to a request from the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants. This is the fifth statement that I have prepared for the Commission and is produced to the Royal Commission in response to a Notice to Produce.
- 2. I have been made aware of the evidence of Jeff Pope that the Human Source Management courses had not been designed by qualified adult educators and his belief that none of the facilitators or trainers (SDU staff) had adult education qualifications.<sup>1</sup>
- I was certified Level 4 trained and qualified to compile and deliver training courses. I had also been an instructor at a half years and was qualified as a trainer at the Victoria Police Course.
- 4. In summary, there was no further training that I could have undertaken with the Victoria Police for the purpose of the role I was performing.
- 5. It is also worth noting that in I was one of two Victorian police officers who attended a four-week specialised national investigators' course conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa, Canada ('RCMP'). This course was designed to train police members on high level human source management and recruitment practices. To my knowledge, this course is highly regarded by other international law enforcement agencies. I attended as both an observer and a student and was given first hand access to the trainers and training material. I continued a strong relationship with the RCMP over my time at the SDU and utilised each time we conducted the Victorian Police

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Jeff POPE statement 21 January 2020, [56].

high risk human source management course which was
Sandy White-O

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