

**COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO DNA PROJECT 13
IN QUEENSLAND**

STATEMENT OF JULIE MAREE DICK SC

I, Julie Maree Dick SC, of [REDACTED] Brisbane in the State of Queensland do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

Background

1. I am a retired Judge of the Queensland District Court.
2. I was appointed in December 2000 and retired in June 2023. I was formerly Parliamentary Criminal Justice Commissioner and prior to that a practising barrister in Queensland.

Interim Advisory Board to Forensic Science Queensland

3. The Interim Forensic Science Queensland (FSQ) Advisory Board (**the FSQ Advisory Board**) was established in May 2023 in line with the recommendations from the Final Report of Walter Sofronoff KC's Commission of Inquiry into Forensic DNA Testing dated 13 December 2022.
4. I am co-chair of the FSQ Advisory Board alongside Mr Sofronoff KC, having been appointed to that position in April 2023.
5. The FSQ Advisory Board provides an advisory role to the CEO, who is Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde, or to staff of Queensland Health or to FSQ.
6. I am aware that in January 2023, the CEO provided a list of scientists' names for potential appointments to the FSQ Advisory Board. I am aware that the CEO previously knew, either personally and/or professionally, a number of the persons provided in that list.
7. I am aware that the pool of potential candidates from which to select the appropriate scientists to sit on the FSQ Advisory Board is a relatively small one.
8. I was not involved in the appointment of the other members of the FSQ Advisory Board.
9. The FSQ Advisory Board, as co-chaired by me and Mr Sofronoff KC is fully cognisant of, and alive to, potential conflicts of interest that may arise as between the members of the FSQ Advisory Board on the one hand, and, on the other hand, as between the members of the FSQ Advisory Board and the CEO of the FSQ. If such a conflict of interest were to arise, it would be declared at a meeting of the FSQ Advisory Board and dealt with accordingly.
10. The first item on the agenda at every meeting of the FSQ Advisory Board is a conflicts of interest check.
11. To date, the FSQ Advisory Board has had no instances where a conflict of interest has arisen.
12. I am aware that the CEO of FSQ recommended to the Forensic Justice Advisory (FJA) Sub-Committee during a meeting on 7 September 2023 that all serious cases between October 2007

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and July 2008 be re-looked at. My understanding is that the FJA Sub-Committee approved that course of action and proposes at its next meeting, scheduled for 10 November 2023, to make a formal recommendation to that effect to the FSQ Advisory Board.

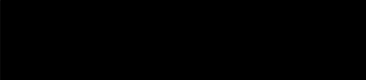
13. I have read the statement of Dr Wilson-Wilde dated 27 October 2023 and refer to paragraphs 7 to 41 and 165 to 168 of that statement. Those paragraphs reflect my understanding of the current practices undertaken at FSQ and of the steps that will be taken going forward.

All the facts and circumstances declared in my statement are within my own knowledge and belief, except for the facts and circumstances declared from information only, and where applicable, my means of knowledge and sources of information are contained in this statement.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867.

TAKEN AND DECLARED before me at Brisbane in the State of Queensland this 31st day of October 2023.


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Julie Maree Dick SC


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SUSAN MELINDA WESTALL ^{Witness}
SOLICITOR