

STATEMENT OF ADJUNCT PROFESSOR LINZI WILSON-WILDE OAM

I, Adjunct Professor Linzi Marianne Adeline Wilson-Wilde OAM, c/- Queensland Health, Chief Executive Officer of Forensic Science Queensland, Queensland Health, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. This statement is in response to Notice to Produce 13.001 dated 6 November 2023, which is annexed to this statement as **LWW-14**.
2. I have been employed by Queensland Health Forensic Science Queensland (**FSQ**) as CEO since 16 January 2023.
3. I hold:
 - (a) a Bachelor of Science from La Trobe University;
 - (b) a Postgraduate Diploma of Science from La Trobe University;
 - (c) a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Canberra.
4. My curriculum vitae is **annexed** to my statement of 27 October 2023 as **LWW-1**.

In relation to the notes referred to by you in the interview with The Australian on 8 September 2023 (see the first "LWW" entry on page 6 of the attached transcript of that interview) please:

- (a) *State when you made these notes.*

The notes I referred to in the above interview are my handwritten notes on some of the documents I printed when reviewing the brief for the Contamination Issue, in particular SOP 24897. I have not retained all the notes I made during the COI but the notes I have retained have been provided to the Commission.

I have also located a page of some handwritten notes that may also be related to the Contamination Issue but given the passing of time, I am not sure which task it relates too. These notes have been provided to the Commission.

To the best of the recollection, most of the handwritten notes on the documents were made last year in October 2022 as I was reviewing the brief to the Contamination Issue.

However, the validation documents, namely Projects 9, 11, 13, 21 and 22, have my notes from 2023 only. In the time permitting to respond to this Notice, I have not been able to locate the versions of these documents with my original notes from 2022 and I am unsure whether I retained these documents when I moved from South Australia to Queensland in January 2023. I am continuing to try to locate these documents and will provide them to the Commission if found.

Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM

Date: 07 / 11 / 2023

Witness:

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- (b) *Explain the content of these notes, and the comments you have recorded in the notes.*

It is my usual practice when I am reviewing hardcopy documents, to, from time to time, write handwritten notes or underline sections to draw my attention to those points when I revisit that document while drafting my report. The points may or may not be important to the task at hand, may be questions that I pose to myself, they could be a theme (e.g. all of these results are manual), a small summary, a result, a note, an addition, inferences, calculation or general observations.

My handwritten notes are not an exhaustive list of things I might have deduced from the document; they can be working notes and may not necessarily reflect my final opinion at the time my report is prepared.

The content of my handwritten notes are usually self-explanatory.

I can see that on some of the documents, included on versions 1-3 of SOP 24897 that I have written whether those methods included on-deck or off-deck lysis at the start of those documents. To the best of my recollection, those handwritten notes were made in October 2022 as part of my preparation for the Contamination Report. I cannot recall the context of those notes save that I referred to the change from automated to manual lysis in my Contamination Report at paragraphs 26-30.

In the time permitting for providing this statement, I am not able to provide any further context or further explain each of my handwritten notes.

- (c) *Explain any underlining you made on these notes, and why you did such underlining.*

As I mentioned in paragraph 4(a) above, my handwritten notes (including underlining) may be done for a number of reasons.

I do recall in October 2022, while drafting my Contamination Report, I tracked through each of the methods (iterations of SOP 24897) introduced over the years to look when changes were made and underlined some of those significant changes that may have been important to deducing the cause of the Contamination Issue or relevant to any of the other questions I was asked regarding the Contamination Issue.

I can see that on some of the documents, including on versions 1-5 of SOP 24897, Investigation into a partial DNA Profile negative extraction control sample (barcode 346795477) (FSS.0001.0057.3100), and Audit 8227 (FSS.0001.0057.3109) that I have underlined where on-deck or off-deck lysis was mentioned. I cannot recall why I underlined those parts save that I referred to the change from automated to manual lysis in my Contamination Report at paragraphs 26-30.

In the time permitting for providing this statement, I am not able to provide any further explanation for each underlined note.



(d) State whether you provided a copy of your notes at any time to Ms Susan Hedge, Counsel Assisting in the Sofronoff Inquiry, or to any other legal practitioner during the course of the preparation of your report dated 20 October 2022.

As far as I can recall, I never provided any copies of any of my notes to Susan Hedge or the COI, and only provided the draft reports to the COI for review.

5. The above information is given to the best of my recollection and knowledge.

TAKEN AND DECLARED before me at Brisbane in the State of Queensland this 7th day of November 2023.

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[Redacted Signature]
Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM



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/ Witness

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Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM
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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit	Document	Date	Pages
LWW-14	Notice to Produce Statement 13.001	06.11.2023	5-6

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Notice no.: 13.001

COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO DNA PROJECT 13

Section 5(1)(d) of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950*

REQUIREMENT TO GIVE INFORMATION IN A WRITTEN STATEMENT

To: Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde
C/o Ms Gabrielle Forbes
Partner
Ashurst Australia

By email:

I, Dr Annabelle Bennett AC SC, Commissioner, appointed pursuant to *Commissions of Inquiry Order (No.1) 2023* to inquire into matters relating to 'Project 13. Report on the Verification of an Automated DNA IQ™ Protocol using the MultiPROBE® II PLUS HT EX with Gripper™ Integration Platform' (the Commission), require you to attend to give a written statement to the Commission pursuant to section 5(1)(d) of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1950* in regard to your knowledge of the matters set out in the Schedule annexed hereto.


YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT BY:

Giving a written statement signed and witnessed as a declaration in accordance with the *Oaths Act 1867* to the Commission on or before 12PM AEST on 7 November 2023, delivering it to Level 26, 111 George Street, Brisbane.

A copy of the written statement must also be provided electronically by email at public@dnaproject13inquiry.qld.gov.au with the subject line "Requirement for Written Statement – [Your Full Name]".

If you believe that you have a reasonable excuse for not complying with this notice, you will need to satisfy me of this prior to the above time and date.

DATED this 6th day of November 2023


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Dr Annabelle Bennett AC SC
Commissioner
Commission of Inquiry into DNA Project 13

Schedule of topics for statement of Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde**Identification**

1. State:
 - (a) your full name;
 - (b) your qualifications, skills or experience relevant to forensic science and DNA; and
 - (c) the period(s) of time you have been or were employed by or otherwise engaged with Queensland Health, Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services (**QHFS**) and/or Forensic Science Queensland, and in what roles and when.

Notes referred to in the interview

2. In relation to the notes referred to by you in the interview with The Australian on 8 September 2023 (see the first "LWW" entry on page 6 of the attached transcript of that interview) please:
 - (a) State when you made these notes.
 - (b) Explain the content of these notes, and the comments you have recorded in the notes.
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 - (d) State whether you provided a copy of your notes at any time to Ms Susan Hedge, Counsel Assisting in the Sofronoff Inquiry, or to any other legal practitioner during the course of the preparation of your report dated 20 October 2022.