

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

STATEMENT OF HANNAH JARMAN

I, Hannah Jarman, of Forensic Science Queensland, at [REDACTED] Queensland, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I hold a Bachelor of Forensic Science from Griffith University and a Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice from Griffith University.
2. I hold the position of Executive Advisor in the Office of the Chief Executive Officer at Forensic Science Queensland.
3. My statement relates to the professional leadership I have observed from Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde.
4. I was employed as a Senior Forensic Project Officer with the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency National Institute of Forensic Science ANZPAA NIFS) from approximately April 2020 until March 2023. Up until January 2021, Adjunct Professor Linzi Wilson-Wilde was the Director of ANZPAA NIFS.
5. I have witnessed Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde's consistent transparent and professional conduct while working under the leadership of Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde both at FSQ and ANZPAA NIFS. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde performs her role, bases her decisions, and supports her staff to act in the best interest of Forensic Science and the community we serve.
6. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde has created an environment at FSQ where staff feel confident to openly raise scientific issues and concerns. I am aware of Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde open-door policy between 8-9am each workday where she encourages staff to drop into her office, raise concerns and ask questions.
7. In my role as Executive Advisor, I work closely with Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde. As a member of her staff, I feel confident and supported to raise scientific and operational concerns with Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde and other members of the FSQ Leadership Team.
8. During my employment at FSQ, I have witnessed Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde consistently vocalise her intention to fully reform the organisation to ensure we provide the very best forensic science service to Queenslanders. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde is dedicated to implementing all 123 Recommendations of the 2022 Sofrenoff Inquiry final report but has not confined her scope for review and improvement of FSQ to these recommendations.

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9. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde has repeatedly stated her view during numerous FSQ meetings and general discussions that further work is required to review all scientific processes in Forensic DNA Analysis. For example, on 3 August 2023 I attended the DNA Interim Advisory Board meeting (as a guest). During her FSQ CEO Progress Update, Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde advised the board that numerous other methods required validation/verification as this was not initially done or not done to the required level.
10. At this same meeting Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde advised the Interim Advisory board that she had organised two interstate DNA experts, [REDACTED] from Forensic Science Service Tasmania and [REDACTED] from PathWest Western Australia, to perform full review of the processes within the Evidence Recovery and Analytical Sections of FSQ Forensic Biology. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde organised another Forensic Chemistry expert, [REDACTED] to perform a review of the Forensic Chemistry Drug Analysis processes.
11. Upon receipt of the reports from these experts, Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde has committed to implementing the recommendations to enhance FSQ's practices. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde has paused several processes within the Evidence Recovery laboratory due to her concerns that they have not been sufficiently validated and tasked this section of the laboratory to establish the validity of these processes.
12. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde has implemented a process where reporting scientists now perform full scientific review of any case before the courts and/or requested for statement if the DNA profiles were interpreted prior to the implementation of the new DNA Interpretation Guidelines in May 2023.
13. Under the direction of Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde, I have been developing scientific annexures that, once complete, will be included with each Forensic Biology Statement of Witness. The annexures are modelled on ones created by the Victorian Police Forensic Service Division and act to outline the Forensic Biology procedures, results, interpretation process and limitations to the evidence, to provide full transparency of the biological evidence.
14. I attended a meeting with Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde that included Mr Tim Nicolls MP and Ms Ros Bates MP on 20 June 2023. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde explained to me that she saw it as important to be transparent and open with both sides of government and therefore was happy to meet with Mr Nicolls and Ms Bates.
15. In the meeting on 10 June 2023, Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde identified that the 2022 Commission of Inquiry was only able to focus on a small portion of the DNA lab's work as the Commission had only a limited amount of resources. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde stated that since coming in as CEO, she was now able to look at all of the DNA lab's processes. Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde openly discussed issue she had already discovered during her time as CEO for FSQ including the need for scientists to be retrained and processes to be reviewed/updated. This included the implementation of new DNA profile interpretation guidelines in May 2023 to align

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Queensland's approach to DNA profile interpretation with that of other Australian jurisdictions. When asked about the current backlogs and how long it would take to address these, Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde stated 'I can give you quick or I can give you quality, but I can't give you both' and that quality results will take time.

16. I have witnessed Adjunct Professor Wilson-Wilde using similar words to this effect over numerous occasions this year in multiple forums.

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 [REDACTED] in the State of Brisbane on 3 of November 2023.

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