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Inspector-General's Message

Sharing IGADF information with the Office of the Special Investigator

I write this message to make clear what you can and cannot discuss with the Special Investigator and staff from the Office of the Special Investigator (OSI), regarding your experience in the Inspector-General of the Australian Defence Force (IGADF) Afghanistan Inquiry.

It is important to note this message does not affect any Court or Tribunal order restricting disclosure of IGADF information. You must comply with any such order.

IGADF examines sensitive matters and because of those sensitivities the IGADF or his staff will sometimes issue directions restricting the disclosure of information.

IGADF directions restricting disclosure do not prevent you from disclosing information when obtaining legal advice from a legal practitioner, or during counselling with a medical practitioner, registered psychologist, counsellor, social worker, or minister of religion. Such directions also do not prevent you from discussing your experience in an IGADF process with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide, or the OSI.

Further, I hereby amend any IGADF direction restricting disclosure so that you are authorised to disclose any IGADF information to the OSI, and for the purposes of any criminal proceedings resulting from any OSI/AFP investigations with the following condition:

You must inform the OSI of any direction restricting disclosure so that the OSI can handle the information appropriately.

If you are unclear about the directions that have been made, you should contact the Office of the IGADF at: <http://www.igadf.gov.au/contact-us>.

Finally, support is available if you need it. Details of available services can be found on the IGADF's website: <http://www.igadf.gov.au/support-services>.

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