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> Hon Nick Goiran, MLC Chairman Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission Parliament of Western Australia Level 1 11 Harvest Terrace WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Hon Goiran

Inquiry into the Corruption and Crime Commission being able to prosecute its own charges

I refer to the invitation from the Joint Standing Committee on the Corruption and Crime Commission (the Committee) to make written submissions to its *Inquiry into the Corruption and Crime Commission Being Able to Prosecute its Own Charges* (the Inquiry).

Whilst the terms of reference of the Committee in relation to this Inquiry, and the ultimate decisions of Government and the Parliament in relation to this issue, are of interest to WA Police, we do not see it as our role to make general submissions to the Inquiry at this time.

However, if the Committee is minded to make any recommendations that WA Police undertake prosecutions on behalf of, or upon a recommendation from, the Corruption and Crime Commission (**the CCC**), WA Police would seek to make submissions to the Committee on that point. WA Police are of the view that its officers are not the appropriate prosecuting authority for matters arising under the CCC Act or matters which the CCC would otherwise consider warranted prosecution.

Yours sincerely

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