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Dear Senator Stoker

INQUIRY INTO THE NATIVE TITLE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Thank you for your correspondence dated 22 May 2020 regarding comments made by Mr Rex Bellotti to the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee (the Committee), during a public hearing held in Perth on 10 March 2020.

I appreciate the Committee affording the Western Australia Police Force the opportunity to comment in relation to the matters raised by Mr Bellotti, regarding a 2009 motor vehicle crash involving his son, Mr Rex Bellotti Jnr, and police in Albany, Western Australia.

The WA Police Force has reviewed the investigation into the crash several times and on each occasion were satisfied that there were no adverse findings of police misconduct.

The Corruption and Crime Commission further reviewed the investigation conducted by the WA Police Force into the crash and were satisfied with the resolution and recommendation and closed the file in November 2009. Mr Bellotti's lawyer was made aware of these findings at the time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Yours sincerely

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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

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