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Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Via email: Paterson@act.gov.au

Dear Minister

As the 9th Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police (AFP), I would like to take this opportunity to provide my support for the Statement of Intent and the critical work being undertaken by ACT Policing.

I recently announced a new mission statement for the AFP focused on defending and protecting Australia and its future from domestic and global security threats. ACT Policing plays a critical role in supporting this mission by safeguarding Australia's domestic security, protecting vulnerable communities, and prioritising social cohesion.

Having held several frontline and leadership positions in ACT Policing, including as a Commander in ACT Policing, I am acutely aware of the complex operational environment our members navigate every day to keep the ACT community safe. As the community policing arm of the AFP, ACT Policing delivers essential policing services to the ACT community and the nation's capital. Through this work, ACT Policing makes an important and enduring contribution to the protection of Australia's domestic security and promoting and strengthening social cohesion through a prevention and community-focused model of policing in collaboration with ACT Government stakeholders.

In response to your primary expectation for ACT Policing to continue to provide professional, effective, and efficient policing services to the ACT community, I can assure you that I want ACT Policing, and the AFP more broadly, to be the best police agency in the world. A key priority for me is ensuring we are recruiting and retaining the best members, that we have career pathways and mobility, and that the AFP has leading employment, and health and wellbeing conditions for our members to do their job effectively and importantly, safely.

I thank the ACT Government for its continued financial commitment to ACT Policing, including investment in the delivery of essential infrastructure for the ACT Policing workforce. To reduce crime and increase community safety, it is important we prioritise investment in technology, capability, and infrastructure to ensure our members are equipped to address an environment where traditional crime types are overlapping and becoming more complex.

I commit to ACT Policing's ongoing engagement with local First Nations communities and the continued work to enhance our understanding of the challenges faced by First Nations people. Protecting vulnerable communities is a key pillar to the AFP's renewed mission, with ACT Policing playing a critical role in building strong community partnerships, particularly with First Nations and other vulnerable communities. While

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there has been progress, the AFP is committed to continuous growth and improving criminal outcomes for First Nations people.

As negotiations commence for the next Purchase Agreement, I look forward to supporting ACT Policing's engagement with the ACT Government to ensure we can continue, and have sufficient resources, to deliver an effective community policing service for the ACT community.

I look forward to our ongoing cooperation and collaboration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'K' followed by a horizontal line.

Krissy Barrett APM
Commissioner