



## THE SENATE

### STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE

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Commissioner Andrew Scipione AO APM  
NSW Police Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Scipione

#### **Matters raised by NSW Police Strike Force CIVET**

On 1 December 2016, the Senate referred matters raised by New South Wales Police Strike Force CIVET, and other related matters, to the Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by 7 February 2017. On 7 February 2017, the Senate agreed to extend the reporting date for the inquiry to 10 May 2017.

The committee has received a number of submissions to the inquiry which refer to documents described as the 'NSW Police Strike Force CIVET report' or the 'post operational assessment'. Some submissions refer to different versions or differently dated documents.

In order to address the matters raised by the terms of reference of the inquiry, the committee has determined that it requires access to copies of these original documents. It would be appreciated if the NSW Police Force could provide copies of all relevant documents as well as a description of their purpose and a timeline of their creation to the committee.

The committee appreciates that the relevant documents may relate to sensitive matters or may be internal working documents which do not reflect the official views of the NSW Police Force. Please note that, while the committee prefers to conduct inquiries as openly as it can, any claim for privacy or confidentiality in relation to material provided will receive appropriate consideration. If the NSW Police Force wishes to request confidentiality in relation to any documents provided to the committee, please indicate this clearly.

If your office requires further information regarding this matter Mr David Sullivan, the Committee Secretary, can be contacted on (02) 6277 3535 or via email at [fadt.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:fadt.sen@aph.gov.au). Thank you for the NSW Police Force's assistance to the committee in the conduct the inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Senator Alex Gallacher  
Chair  
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