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Dear Mr Knight

We have received and reviewed your report to the Defence Abuse Reparation Scheme (the Scheme) dated 16 March 2023.

The detail and the substance of the report of your experiences in the Australian Defence Force from January 1987 to 10 July 1987 are substantially the same as the report you made to the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce (DART) dated 26 November 2013; including your amendments and additions of later dates. Under the *Ombudsman Regulations 2017* (the regulations) a report which is the same substance as a report made under the DART is considered an excluded complaint.

An excluded complaint means a complaint that:

- (a) Was previously made to, and dealt with by, the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce; or
- (b) Is the same in substance as a complaint that was previously made to, and dealt with by, the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce.

This means we cannot re-assess your report under this Scheme.

We have no authority to consider the involvement of the Director of Army Legal Services in the prosecution of *R- v-Knight* in the Supreme Court of Victoria, nor to consider the management of your submission to the DART. We can only consider those incidents which occurred whilst you were a serving member of the Australian Defence Force and the alleged perpetrators of the abuse, were also serving members of the Australian Defence Force. As you ceased to be a serving member of the Australian Defence Force on 10 July 1987, all incidents after this date are outside this Scheme.

Yours sincerely



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