

23 April 2019

To all persons

Orders issued under the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990

Orders to protect evidence

The Transport Accident Investigation Commission (the **Commission**) is inquiring into an accident involving a BK-117 helicopter, registration ZK-IMX, on 22 April 2019. The Commission has issued orders protecting the wreckage and accident site, and directing that any evidence found be provided to the Commission.

Attached are orders issued by the Commission under section 12 of the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990 (the **TAIC Act**). This order remains in force until revoked. It is an offence for any person to fail to comply with an order of the Commission and anyone who does so is liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000.

This letter does not form part of that order but is provided to help you understand the order and to comply with it.

The Commission

The Commission is a standing Commission of inquiry established under the Transport Accident Investigation Commission Act 1990. It has all the powers conferred by the TAIC Act, and the Commissions of Inquiry Act 1908 except in relation to awarding costs. This includes the power to:

- a) Enter and inspect any transport related thing;
- b) Inspect, copy, take extracts from or retain any documents or records;
- c) Prevent tampering with evidence, prohibit access to an accident site or related things;
- d) Direct a transport related thing to be taken to a nominated place;
- e) Seize, detain, remove, preserve, protect or test any place or thing;
- f) Require a person to produce any documents, records or things; and
- g) Summons a person to appear before the Commission to give evidence.

The Commission's purpose is to inquire into the circumstances and causes of aviation, maritime and rail accidents and incidents with a view to avoiding similar occurrences in the future. The reason for its inquiries is to inform the general public and members of the transport sector, both domestically and internationally, of the lessons that can be learnt from transport occurrences.

The Commission can preserve and protect any place or thing that the Commission believes on reasonable grounds will assist in establishing the cause of an accident or incident.

Further Inquiries

If you have any queries regarding this order, then please contact either:

██████████ (Investigator in Charge)

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[REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely

Aaron Holman

Manager Air Investigations

Inquiry No: AO-2019-005



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The Commission issues the following orders under section 12 of the TAIC Act to preserve and protect evidence:

- In order to preserve and protect aircraft wreckage, no person shall disturb or move wreckage without the express consent of the Commission (section 12(1)(d) TAIC Act).
- Any person already in possession of wreckage is directed to notify Barry Stephenson (Investigator in Charge) [REDACTED], who will advise where that wreckage is to be taken to (Section 12(1)(ca)).

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Signed by:

Aaron Holman

Manager Air Investigations

(Under delegation)