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## MEDIA STATEMENT/ADVISORY

## Review of Internal Investigation Involving Chief Constable Frank Elsner

*Victoria* - The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner (OPCC) announced today that the Commissioner received late Friday an Investigation Report from the Co-Chairs of the Victoria Police Board in relation to an internal investigation into the conduct of Victoria Police Chief Constable Frank Elsner.

In terms of the role of the OPCC, this is the first opportunity for formal oversight by this office, and unlike the public trust process, it is an expost facto review of the internal investigation and the disciplinary process. At this juncture, the Commissioner is tasked with a gatekeeping role to determine whether or not it is necessary to order a a public trust investigation into this matter.

The Commissioner is currently awaiting further materials from the investigation and disciplinary process in order that he may complete a comprehensive and measured review of this matter. While this review is ongoing the OPCC will not be making any comments to protect the integrity of the process and the privacy of the parties directly impacted.

In order to preserve public confidence in the investigation of police misconduct and the administration of police discipline, the Commissioner intends to report to the public at the conclusion of the review.

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