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Mr Ian Stewart
Queensland Police Services Commissioner
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By Post

Dear Commissioner

Digital Electronic Recording of Interviews and Evidence Manual

Our members have informed us that the Digital Electronic Recording of Interviews and Evidence Manual (DERIE Manual), referenced in the Queensland Police Service Operational Procedures Manual, is not currently publicly available.¹

The Society understands from our members that the Queensland Police Service is currently considering whether to release this Manual publicly, which we would strongly support in the interests of transparency. We note fundamentally the importance of ensuring that police policies and processes are understood and well known to the public. We request that you consider releasing this policy to properly support open, accountable and transparent decision-making by those applying the Manual, particularly considering that it forms an integral component of the publicly available Operational Procedures Manual.

We kindly request your response to this issue, including information on time frames for its potential release.



¹ For example of references to the DERIE Manual, see items 5.5.14, 5.7.12, 5.13.1, 5.5.14 in Chapter 5 on Children, found here:

<http://www.police.qld.gov.au/Resources/Internet/services/OperationalPolicies/opm/Chapter5.pdf> ;