

The Hon Barry O'Farrell MP Premier of NSW Minister for Western Sydney

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EMBLEMS REPORT

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell has written to the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission asking him to consider whether the Emblems Report could be released in its entirety.

The Minister for Police and Emergency Service referred the Emblems Report to the PIC Inspector earlier this month asking him to determine whether the recommendations of the report had been implemented and whether the recommendations of the report could be made available to the public.

"The NSW Government is committed to openness and transparency but I understand the necessity of balancing public interest against procedural fairness and the importance of not prejudicing any potential legal action or investigation," he said.

"The appropriate body to consider the release of this report – either in part or in its entirety– is the Inspector of the Police Integrity Commission.

"This is why I have asked him to advise the NSW Government whether it is possible to release the report," Mr O'Farrell said.

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