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Review WA Police investigation: Events prior to Floreat family violence incident

The Corruption and Crime Commission has tabled its review of the WA Police investigation into the events leading up the Floreat Shooting in May 2024.

The Commission referred allegations of misconduct to WA Police for action, subject to active monitoring and review. Early in the investigation, the Commission became concerned the investigation may be being improperly influenced by a desire to mitigate the risk of reputational damage to WA Police. The Commission advised the Commissioner of Police and shortly thereafter, observed a positive change in the direction of the investigation.

The WA Police investigation examined each point of contact between WA Police and the Bombara family in the lead up to the Floreat shooting. It concluded that WA Police were warned on multiple occasions about the risk posed by Bombara and that the warnings were 'legitimate'. Eight officers were found to have breached the WA Police Code of Conduct and were internally disciplined.

A Commission review is not an investigation. It considers the action taken by WA Police and whether the outcomes reached were reasonable and open to be made. The Commission's role is not to assume the role of decision maker or substitute its own outcomes over those determined by WA Police.

The Commission concludes the WA Police investigation was conducted impartially and the outcomes reached were reasonable.

The Commission acknowledges WA Police has implemented or is progressing to implement 18 recommendations aligned to the four Reform Pillars articulated within the Government of Western Australia, Family Violence Taskforce, Family and Domestic Violence System Reform Plan.

The Commission has commenced a full investigation into an allegation of police misconduct relating to the circumstances in which Bombara obtained a firearms licence and was permitted to continue to possess firearms.

This report outlines the Commission's review of WA Police's actions. The report is available here.

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