



Direction pursuant to section 77(1)(a) of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001*

WHEREAS it appears that there is a doubt or question as to part of the evidence in the proceedings leading to the conviction of Kathleen Megan Folbigg on 21 May 2003 of the following offences:

1. the manslaughter of Caleb Folbigg on 20 February 1989;
2. maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm upon Patrick Folbigg on 18 October 1990, with intent to do grievous bodily harm;
3. the murder of Patrick Folbigg on 13 February 1991;
4. the murder of Sarah Folbigg on 30 August 1993; and
5. the murder of Laura Folbigg on 1 March 1999;

AND WHEREAS that doubt or question concerns evidence as to the incidence of reported deaths of three or more infants in the same family attributed to unidentified natural causes;

PURSUANT to section 77(1)(a) of the *Crimes (Appeal and Review) Act 2001*, I direct that an inquiry be conducted into the said convictions in accordance with the provision of Part 7 of the said Act; and

PURSUANT to section 81(1)(a) of the said Act I hereby appoint the Honourable Reginald Oliver Blanch AM QC, formerly a judicial officer within the meaning of the *Judicial Officers Act 1986*, to conduct an inquiry into the said convictions, having particular regard to the said evidence, with the powers and authorities conferred on a commissioner by Division 2 of Part 2 of the *Royal Commissions Act 1923* (except for section 17).

SIGNED AT SYDNEY this 22nd day of August 2018

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General David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd)

His Excellency, Governor of New South Wales