

DECLARATION

I, Michael John Byrne KC, President of Parole Board Queensland, acting pursuant to s. 175H of the *Corrective Services Act 2006* (Qld) ('the *Act*'), am satisfied that it is in the public interest to make a declaration about **Barry John WATTS**, a Restricted Prisoner within the meaning of s.175D(a) of the *Act* and hereby do so.

This declaration is specified to take effect on 24 February 2024 and will end on 24 February 2034. Barry Watts may not apply for parole pursuant to s.180 of the *Act* for the duration of this declaration.

I have made this declaration because:

- Of the nature, seriousness and circumstances of the offence for which the prisoner was sentenced to life imprisonment;
- Of the risk the prisoner may pose to the public if the prisoner is granted parole; and
- Of the likely effect that the prisoner's release on parole may have on an eligible person or a victim.

Consequently, the prisoner's parole application received on 14 October 2022 which was deferred pursuant to s.193AA(2) of the *Act* is refused.

Michael John Byrne KC

President

Parole Board Queensland

Date: 27 February 2024