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Attention: Hon. Suzanne Anton

Dear Minister Anton:

Re: Oppal Commission of Inquiry into Missing Women

I am writing on behalf of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA). It has recently come to our attention that the website for the *Oppal Commission of Inquiry into Missing Women*, colloquially known as the Missing Women's Inquiry, is no longer available.

While the final report of the Missing Women's Inquiry is available publicly from the Ministry of Justice website, none of the source materials, such as transcripts of the proceedings, copies of submissions and Commissioner's rulings, are available to the public. This stands in stark contrast to the work of the *Braidwood Commissions of Inquiry into the death of Robert Dziekanski and the use of Conducted Energy Weapons (Tasers)* and the *Davies Commission of Inquiry into the death of Frank Paul*, for which Commission websites linked from the Ministry of Justice website are available to the public, complete with the primary source information available to those Commissions.


We have grave concerns about the missing Missing Women's Inquiry website. Public access to the complete work of the Missing Women's Inquiry, including submissions before the Commission, transcripts of its proceedings and Commissioner's rulings, is critical for a transparent and accountable process. Access to these materials is in the public interest. We wonder why the Missing Women's Inquiry is being treated

differently from the work of the other Commissions held in this Province.

The BCCLA urges your office to immediately provide a functional link to the Missing Women's Inquiry website, complete with all the source information and materials available to the Commissioner.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lindsay M. Lyster", is written over a light grey rectangular background.

Lindsay Lyster
President