

# MOTHER AND BABY HOMES COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION

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19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Ms Claire McGettrick  
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**Re: Invitation to Hearing 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Dear Ms McGettrick

I refer to your letter of 11<sup>th</sup> February received by email. I note that you are unable to attend for hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> February next.

As advised, the purpose of the hearing was for you to make any submissions you wish on behalf of the ARA and/or JFMR on the record before the Commission members. If there are any other matters on which you would like to give sworn evidence, you might let me know. As you suggest, you are most welcome to prepare a written submission and to speak in relation to that submission at the hearing. I wish to advise that it may be some time before we are in a position to re-schedule the hearing.

In respect of your request that the hearing be held in public, the Commission may hear evidence in public only if it is satisfied that it is desirable in the interests of both the investigation and fair procedures. You might let me know why you consider that a public hearing would be appropriate for any evidence or submission that you would like to give the Commission.

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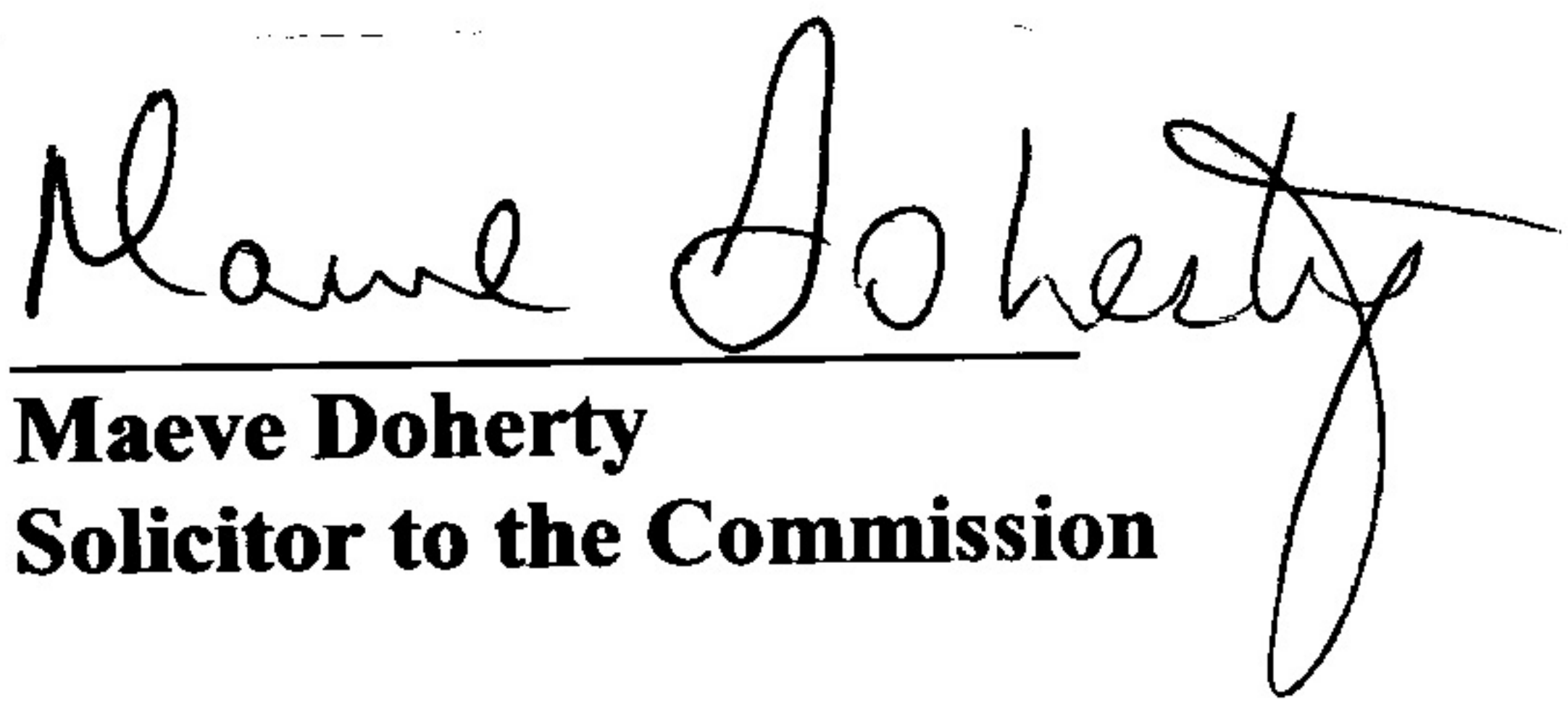
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I look forward to hearing from you in relation to the above matters.

Yours sincerely

  
**Maeve Doherty**  
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