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Third inquest into the death of Scott Johnson welcomed by police

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Police have welcomed today's decision by the NSW Coroner to hold a third inquest into the death of Scott Johnson.

Mr Johnson's body was found at the base of Manly's North Head on 10 December 1988. At the time of his death, he was 27 years old.

An inquest in 1989 found Mr Johnson had committed suicide, with a second inquest in June 2012 returning an open finding.

Since then, the Homicide Squad has conducted an extensive investigation into Mr Johnson's death under Strike Force Macnamir.

In March 2014, the Homicide Squad wrote to the Coroner seeking further examination of the case in light of that investigation.

A directions hearing was held today, with the Coroner deciding a third inquest will be held.

A 445-page statement relating to Strike Force Macnamir was submitted to the Coroner ahead of the directions hearing and police welcome that information being scrutinised in the upcoming inquest.

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