



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Garaty,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: NSWPF representation of current/former police officers

I refer to the above Inquiry, and in particular to the following correspondence in relation to Public Hearing 2:

- My letter of 10 August 2023, in which I requested (at [79]) that the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) provide statements from nine current or former police officers, and from a tenth person answering the description referred to at [79a]. In that letter at [83]-[84] I also identified numerous other witnesses, including current or former police officers, whom the NSWPF has contended the Inquiry had failed to call to give evidence.
- Your letters of 17 and 18 August 2023, in which you indicated that, with the exception of Detective Superintendent Craig Middleton, you do not represent any of the current or former police officers identified in [79], [83] or [84] of my letter of 10 August. You also indicated that, with respect to Detective Inspector Paul Grace and Detective Senior Constable Cameron Bignell, you would seek their views as to whether they wish for the NSWPF to represent them.

In addressing the NSWPF’s contentions concerning these current or former police officers, the Inquiry had considered it would be appropriate to request statements from those individuals in the first instance through the Office of General Counsel, NSWPF. This was consistent with the approach taken in relation to officers called to provide statements and/or give oral evidence in earlier tranches of Public Hearing 2.

You have now advised that you perceive a potential conflict between the interests of the Commissioner of Police and those of each of the various officers the subject of the correspondence referred to above, some of whom remain serving police officers. This is so notwithstanding that any evidence former officers might give to the Inquiry would relate only to matters occurring at a time when each officer was employed by the NSWPF. The nature of any potential conflict has not been explained.

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In view of the position that has been taken by the NSWPF, from now on the Inquiry proposes to liaise directly with all current or former police officers other than Detective Superintendent Middleton and to serve material directly on them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0498 484 133 if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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