



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Dear Ms Garaty,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Representation of NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) officers

I refer to my letters of 10 August 2023 and 21 August 2023, and to your letters of 17 and 18 August 2023 in relation to the representation of NSWPF officers.

Request for confirmation: Representation of NSWPF officers

In your letter of 17 August 2023, you indicated that the Office of the General Counsel, NSWPF (“OGC”), “may be in a position to represent Detective Inspector Paul Grace and Detective Senior Constable Cameron Bignell” before the Inquiry. You also indicated that you would contact these officers “forthwith” to seek their views and notify the Inquiry as to whether they wish you to represent them.

To date, the Inquiry has not received confirmation as to whether the OGC will represent these two officers.

In my letter of 21 August 2023, noting the position that has been taken by the NSWPF, I conveyed that the Inquiry proposed to liaise directly with all current and former police officers other than Detective Superintendent Craig Middleton and to serve material directly on them. Accordingly, I note that summonses to attend the Inquiry were issued to DI Grace and DSC Bignell on 21 August 2023.

I would be grateful if you could confirm as soon as possible whether OGC represents these officers.

Please do not hesitate to contact Enzo Camporeale at 0498 484 133 or at enzo.camporeale@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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