



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

24 August 2023

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Dear Ms Garaty,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Evidence about the Bias Crimes Unit

I refer to the above Inquiry. I refer also to the following matters:

- The written submissions of the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) dated 28 June 2023 in relation to Public Hearing 2, which contended at [34] that “no evidence was called by Counsel Assisting to determine the accuracy or otherwise of Sergeant Steer’s claims that he was ‘forced out’ of the Bias Crimes Unit, or the circumstances in which the Bias Crimes Unit was restructured such that it was moved to a position within the Fixated Persons Unit”;
- My letter of 10 August 2023, in which I requested at [79(a)] that the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) provide a statement by 1 September 2023 from a witness or witnesses able to speak to the accuracy of the NSWPF’s submission referred to above; and
- Your letter of 18 August 2023, in which you advised that “inquiries in relation to the identification of a witness who can speak to the matters addressed at [79(a)] are ongoing and we are unable to further comment at this time”.

The Inquiry has not received any substantive response to our request made on 10 August 2023. Could you please identify an appropriate witness answering the description given at [79(a)] of my letter of 10 August by no later than **1:00pm on Tuesday 29 August 2023**.

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

Yours faithfully,

Enzo Camporeale
 Director, Legal
 Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry