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Dear Mr Camporeale

**Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – representation of officers**

We refer to your letter of 10 August 2023 regarding further persons to be called to give evidence and/or provide a statement or makes submissions in relation to Public Hearing 2, and to your letter of 24 August 2023 concerning the representation of Detective Inspector Paul Grace and Detective Senior Constable Cameron Bignell.

Of those persons listed in your 10 August letter, and after speaking with the below individuals, our office has formed the view that it is a position to accept instructions from the following persons:

- Detective Superintendent Craig Middleton
- Detective Inspector Paul Grace
- Detective Senior Constable Cameron Bignell
- Ms Georgina Wells
- Mr Strath Gordon

Of those persons listed in your 10 August letter, and noting the terms of 'Practice Guideline 1 – Public Hearings' and Counsel Assisting's submissions, our office confirms that it is not in a position to represent the following persons:

- Mr Stewart Leggatt
- Mr John Lehmann
- Detective Sergeant Penelope Brown
- Detective Senior Constable Paul Rullo
- Mr Michael Chebl
- Mr Christopher Olen
- Mr Kenneth Bowditch
- Ms Pamela Young

With the exception of Ms Young, we have notified each of those persons of our position and have indicated our willingness to assist each of those persons to apply for ex gratia assistance for separate legal representation (where appropriate, with the assistance of the Police Association NSW). Our office does not propose to contact Ms Young in that regard, however if the Inquiry is aware that Ms Young requires assistance in applying for ex gratia legal assistance, we would be grateful if you could please let us know. The Police Association has also indicated to us that it may be in a position to assist her.

Of those persons listed in your 10 August letter, our office is continuing to consider its position regarding representation of the following persons:

- Detective Sergeant Alicia Taylor
- Detective Sergeant Rowena Clancy

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- Ms Jacqueline Braw
- Ms Siobhan McMahon
- Ms Zedenka Vaughan
- Mr Michael Fuller

Our office is seeking to urgently conference with these individuals in order to confirm our position as to representation. We will endeavour to provide the Inquiry with confirmation of our position on representation of each of those persons by 1 September 2023, if not earlier.

We are continuing to consider our position in respect of the "categories" of officers contained in your letter of 10 August. We will respond to you separately in this regard later today.

**Availability of Detective Inspector Paul Grace and Ms Jacqueline Braw**

We have been informed by DI Grace that he has pre-arranged personal travel plans to Europe between 31 August 2023 and returning 15 October 2023. This travel was booked and paid for on 25 October 2022. We are seeking instructions in relation to his ability to prepare the requested statement, and appear via AVL during the hearing block.

We have separately been informed by Ms Braw that she will be interstate for personal reasons between 13 and 20 September 2023.

Yours sincerely



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