



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

28 August 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Garaty,

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I refer to the above Inquiry and to our ongoing correspondence as to representation of current or former police officers before the Inquiry. In particular I refer to your letter of 25 August 2023 identifying the particular officers from whom the Office of the General Counsel (“OGC”) of the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) is or is not in a position to accept instructions.

The Inquiry understands that the OGC is not in a position to represent the following officers on the basis of a perceived conflict of interest:

- 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

As noted in my letter of 21 August, the Inquiry has liaised directly with each officer (with the exception of Detective Superintendent Craig Middleton) on that basis.

I would be grateful if you could confirm that you intend to provide statements from those you do act for, namely:

- Detective Superintendent Craig Middleton;
- Detective Inspector Paul Grace; and

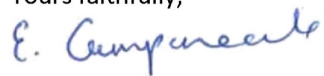
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- Detective Senior Constable Cameron Bignell.

I note that my letter of 10 August (at [79]) requested statements from those officers by **5:00pm on 1 September 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