



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

### Statement of Terry Forster

30 January 2023

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes ("the Inquiry") as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Terry Forster.
2. I was born in 1948. My address is known to the Special Commission of Inquiry ("the Inquiry").

#### Relationship to Russell Payne

3. I was formerly married to Julie Kilgour, Russell Payne's sister, and knew Russell well. I was married to Julie Kilgour in the early 1970s.
4. After Julie and I separated, I continued to see Russell regularly, when I travelled to Inverell to do my shopping. This was approximately every fortnight.
5. We would meet up in the main street or the park in Inverell. I did not visit Russell's home.
6. On one occasion, shortly before his death, Russell told me he was gay.
7. He said words to the effect of "Did you know I was gay?" and I told him I didn't.
8. I told Russell that I accepted that he was gay, and our friendship continued as it had done previously.
9. Russell did not tell me of any partner.
10. Russell never discussed any of his sexual practices with me, and never expressed any interest in sado-masochism.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Terry Forster".

Name: Terry Forster

Date: