



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

10 October 2022

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Request for further information in relation to death of Andrew Currie

I refer to the above Inquiry, in which I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar. I refer also to the summonses issued to NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") on 18 May 2022 ("summons NSWPF1") and 26 September 2022 ("summons NSWPF20") requesting, *inter alia*, documents in relation to the death of Andrew Currie.

Material produced by NSWPF

As you are aware, summons NSWPF1 requested all documents relating to investigations by NSWPF of the death of Mr Currie. To date, no hard copy and/or original investigative files have been produced by NSWPF in relation to Mr Currie's death. However, on 12 August 2022, nine documents relating to Mr Currie's death were produced by NSWPF as part of the Strike Force Parrabell E@glei brief provided to the Inquiry. These documents included:

1. P79A Report of Death to the Coroner dated 13 December 1988;
2. P. 109 Report of Occurrence dated 13 December 1988;
3. Statement of Constable Phillip Greenhalgh dated 13 December 1988;
4. Seven colour crime scene photographs;
5. Two statements of [REDACTED] GB dated 13 December 1988;
6. Criminal History for Mr Currie;
7. Autopsy report of Dr William Brighton dated 13 February 1989; and
8. Strike Force Parrabell Bias Crimes Indicators Review Form ("Review Form").

Further, on 16 September 2022, a further document relating to Mr Currie's death was produced as part of NSWPF's response to summons NSWPF12. This document comprised:

9. Investigator's Note of Constable Borg dated 13 October 2016 ("Investigator's Note").

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Summons NSWPF20 requested a copy of the 15 colour crime scene photographs of Mr Currie's body provided to Strike Force Parrabell investigators by Constable Greenhalgh, as referenced in the Review Form and Investigator's Note (documents 8 and 9 above). By email dated 6 October 2022, you advised of your instructions that only seven photographs were provided to investigators, despite the reference to 15 photographs in documents 8 and 9.

Request for further information

For completeness, it would assist the Inquiry if NSWPF could provide a formal written response regarding the material held by NSWPF in relation to Mr Currie's death. Accordingly, I am instructed to request a letter or statement from an appropriate person at NSWPF addressing the following matters:

1. Please outline what searches were performed to locate any documents relating to investigations by NSWPF of Mr Currie's death and the results of those searches.
2. Please outline the reason or reasons why no hard copy and/or original investigative files regarding Mr Currie's death were produced by NSWPF.
3. Are the documents produced as part of the Strike Force Parrabell E@glei brief the totality of NSWPF's holdings regarding Mr Currie's death?
4. Please explain the basis for the conclusion that only seven photographs were provided to Strike Force Parrabell investigators, despite the reference to 15 photographs in the Review Form and Investigator's Note.

Timeframe for response

I would be grateful if the written response could be provided to the Inquiry by **24 October 2022**. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist his Honour in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the response sought.

Please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Healey-Nash at caitlin.healey-nash@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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