



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

23 January 2023

Professor Alison Jones  
Address known to the Inquiry

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Professor Jones

### **Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Supplementary expert report on death of Andrew Currie**

I refer to my letter dated 26 September 2022 requesting an expert report from you in relation to the death of Andrew Currie.

Thank you for your report dated 22 October 2022 (“your report”).

#### **Request for supplementary expert opinion**

Counsel Assisting the Inquiry has considered your report and has requested that you provide a short supplementary report to further assist the Inquiry. It is requested that you provide your supplementary report as soon as possible and by no later than **3 February 2023**. In the event that you require further time to prepare your supplementary report, please advise Ms Healey-Nash as soon as possible.

#### **Additional materials with which you are briefed**

For the purpose of preparing your supplementary report, you are briefed with the **enclosed** expert report of Dr Linda Iles, forensic pathologist, dated 18 January 2021.

#### **Matters to be addressed in your supplementary report**

I would be grateful if you could address the following matters in your supplementary report, having regard to the material with which you are briefed and to the extent that they are matters which fall within your expertise:

1. At p. 14 of your report, you state:

*“Nembudeine (a trade name for Codeine) ingestion would result in the codeine and its metabolite morphine found at post-mortem in the case of Mr Currie.”*

At p. 7 of Dr Iles’ report, she states:

*“Nembudeine’s active ingredients included paracetamol (acetaminophen), codeine phosphate and pentobarbital sodium. The codeine, pentobarbitone, and morphine (as a metabolite of codeine) identified in Mr Currie’s blood can be ascribed to ingestion of Nembudeine tablets.”*

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In your view, could Mr Currie's ingestion of Nembudeine account for the presence of codeine, pentobarbitone and/or paracetamol in Mr Currie's toxicology results?

2. At pp. 10, 11 and 13 of your report you refer to "phenobarbitone". Could you please confirm if these should be references to "pentobarbitone"? If no, please explain why.

**Fees**

I confirm that you are engaged at a rate of **\$350 per hour** to review the briefing material and prepare your supplementary report. Please address your invoice to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, ABN: 34 945 244 274. Ms Healey-Nash will be in contact separately about any further paperwork required.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Healey-Nash on (02) 9372 8497 or [caitlin.healey-nash@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au](mailto:caitlin.healey-nash@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au) if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Thank you for your consideration and ongoing assistance.

Yours faithfully



Caitlin Healey-Nash  
Senior Solicitor  
**for Crown Solicitor**

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