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Dear Ms Lockery,

**Re: Reports to the Director in the matter of R v John Raymond Hokin**

I refer to your letter dated 17 January 2023 and your further correspondence with Ms Johanna Pheils, Deputy Solicitor (Legal) on 20 January 2023 concerning the reports to the Director in the above matter. In lieu of the tender and publication of the reports of B T Kelly, Crown Prosecutor and C A Luland QC Senior Deputy Director, I provide the information below for the assistance of the Inquiry.

The accused Raymond John Hokin was committed for trial on one count of manslaughter in relation to the death of Brian Wayne Schmidt Walker on 1 October 1992. The trial was listed to commence on 15 February 1993 at Parramatta District Court.

On 12 February 1993 a Direction was given by former Director of Public Prosecutions Reg Blanch AM KC to discontinue the prosecution on the basis that there was no reasonable prospect of a conviction. At the time it was concluded that the Crown was unable to negative the accused's claim that he was acting in self-defence in circumstances where the accused's version of events was supported by the evidence of the forensic pathologist and another independent witness.

The Director of the Legal Aid Commission was formally notified of the Direction on 15 February 1993.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Dowling', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sally Dowling SC  
**Director of Public Prosecutions**

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