



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Statement of Janice Walker

3 February 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 Janice Walker. I was born in 1960.
2. My address is known to the inquiry.
3. I am the sister of Brian Walker. Brian was born on 17 April 1962. Our parents are Yvonne Schmidt and Cedric Dacey. They are both deceased. Our father died when I was very young. My mother subsequently married John Schmidt. My youngest brother, David Schmidt, was born in 1971 from that relationship.
4. Brian went to Bexley Primary School and later Mount Druitt High School. Brian didn't finish high school. He left home when he was around 16 or 17 years old.
5. Brian did not have regular employment. He sometimes did odd jobs and liked to help people out.
6. Brian was a 'happy go lucky' person and he accepted others on face value. He was very trusting. Brian always had lots of friends and was quick to befriend others. I didn't know many of his friends, but my mother did.
7. Brian enjoyed artistry and was very talented at drawing, particularly cartoons. He drew a mural on the wall in our home in Bexley of three monsters riding on motorbikes.
8. Brian was a bit of a wanderer and drifter. He did not have a set address; he would stay with friends and move between houses. Sometimes I wouldn't see him for months on end and then he would contact me out of the blue.
9. In terms of Brian's sexuality, I didn't think Brian was interested in men because I had previously seen him with girlfriends.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'J Walker'.

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