



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes
Statement of Francesca Lilly
5 October 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. This statement has been prepared from my own knowledge and also from perusing the records of the Inquiry. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Francesca Lilly. My address is known to the Special Commission of Inquiry.
2. I am employed as a Senior Solicitor by the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the death of Gerald Cuthbert, who died on 18 October 1981 at Paddington, NSW. The information contained in this statement is true based on my own knowledge, and from documents in the possession of the Inquiry relevant to Mr Cuthbert.

Summonses re ships in port

4. On 19 May 2023, the Inquiry issued summons NSWPA1 to the NSW Port Authority, seeking information as to what ships were in port at the time of Mr Cuthbert’s death.
5. On 23 May 2023, the NSW Port Authority advised by email that they did not hold any of the documents requested. The NSW Port Authority proposed that the Inquiry contact Transport for NSW.
6. On 19 June 2023, the Inquiry issued summons TFN2 to Transport for NSW, seeking the same information as sought from the NSW Port Authority.
7. On 21 June 2023, Transport for NSW advised by email that it did not hold the records sought.

Signature: 

Name: Francesca Lilly

Date: 5 October 2023