



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Brouwer,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Summons re histology slides

I assist the Commissioner, Justice John Sackar, in the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (“the Inquiry”).

Summons to produce DOFM4

One of the deaths which falls within the Inquiry’s terms of reference is the death of Samantha Raye (DOB 22 January 1958). On 20 March 1989, Ms Raye’s body was found in a cave below Hornby Lighthouse at South Head, Sydney.

Dr Peter Bradhurst conducted the autopsy on Ms Raye’s body on 22 March 1989 at Glebe Morgue. Dr Bradhurst found no significant injuries or signs of violence. He recorded the direct cause of death as acute bilateral bronchopneumonia and viral meningoencephalitis. Please find **enclosed** a copy of the post-mortem report.

The post-mortem report contains a notation to the effect that the “blocks and slides” of the histological specimens relating to Ms Raye’s autopsy “will be held indefinitely”. The Inquiry has briefed a forensic pathologist to prepare a written report in relation to Ms Raye’s death, including as to the cause and manner of death. That pathologist has indicated that she would be assisted by having regard to the relevant histology slides.

To that end, please find **enclosed** a summons requesting the production of any slides of histological specimens retained by the Department of Forensic Medicine (summons DOFM4).

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Timeframe for provision of material

The summons is returnable at **10:00am on Tuesday, 28 February 2023** and your cooperation with this timeframe is appreciated. I note that the timeframe is relatively short as this is a matter of urgency for the Inquiry. 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 material sought.

Please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Healey-Nash on 0466 480 286 if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Caitlin Healey-Nash
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