



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

23 June 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Symonds,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Samantha Raye

I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar in the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes ("the Inquiry").

Death of Samantha Raye

One of the deaths which falls within the Inquiry's terms of reference is the death of Samantha Raye on or around 20 March 1989.

Part of the material produced by the Coroners Court of NSW to the Inquiry in relation to Ms Raye's death is a toxicology report undertaken by the then Division of Analytical Laboratories dated 24 May 1989 (**enclosed**). This report stated that "routine screening tests for poisons" were conducted as part of the examination of Ms Raye's body.

We would be grateful for your response to the following question:

1. What testing was conducted as part of the "routine screening tests for poisons" as at May 1989? Please provide any documents or records indicating the same.

I would be grateful to receive your response by **30 June 2023**, if possible. Please let me know if you require anything further in order to answer this query.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at caitlin.healey-nash@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au or on 0466 480 286 if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

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Thank you in advance for your assistance to the Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'CHN', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Caitlin Healey-Nash
A/Principal Solicitor
For Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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