



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Statement of Caitlin Healey-Nash

28 July 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 Caitlin Clare Healey-Nash. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. I am employed as an A/Principal Solicitor by the Inquiry.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the death of Samantha Raye, who died between 12 and 19 March 1989 at South Head, Sydney.

Information received from NSW Health Pathology – Forensic Medicine

4. On 25 February 2023, I wrote to NSW Health Pathology – Forensic Medicine (“Forensic Medicine”) to ascertain whether Forensic Medicine held the blocks and slides of histological specimens retained from the original autopsy performed on Ms Raye. That letter also enclosed a summons requesting the production of those slides on an urgent basis.
5. On 27 February 2023, Anne Catanuto, Forensic Administration Officer at Forensic Medicine, sent me an email advising that Forensic Medicine’s practice is not to provide original slides and blocks to third parties, but rather to obtain re-cuts of the blocks and provide those slides to the requesting third party. Ms Catanuto advised that a priority request would be placed for Ms Raye’s slides.
6. I was advised by Ms Catanuto that on or around 19 April 2023, the slides were sent by Forensic Medicine to the Inquiry’s expert pathologist, Dr Linda Iles at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine.

Information received from Forensic and Analytical Science Service

7. On 30 June 2023, the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (“FASS”) provided the Inquiry with a letter summarising the “routine screening tests for poisons” outlined in the toxicology report for Ms Raye, and the case file relating to Ms Raye’s toxicological testing.
8. On 11 July 2023, I emailed FASS’s letter and case file to Dr Iles for her consideration.

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Signature: 

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