



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes
Statement of Darren Brown
9 August 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 Darren Brown. My address is known to the Special Commission of Inquiry.
2. I am employed as a Principal Investigator 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 Carl Stockton, who died on 11 November 1996 in Sydney, NSW. The information contained in this statement is true based on my own knowledge and work, and from documents in the possession of the Inquiry relevant to Mr Stockton.

Contact with witnesses

4. Following the public hearing and documentary tender in relation to Mr Stockton’s death, the Inquiry considered it appropriate to exhaust further lines of investigation by contacting further witnesses. The Inquiry determined that Brent Tozer and Magda Kos, who were employed at Bar Cleveland and assisted Mr Stockton when he was injured, may have further information about what happened to Mr Stockton including information regarding any anti-LGBTIQ violence or taunting, in and around the pub. The Inquiry further considered it appropriate to speak with Terry Hugo of Mission Beat, regarding his knowledge of anti-LGBTIQ assaults in the area around Bar Cleveland.
5. On 19 July 2023, I made telephone contact with Terry Hugo. Mr Hugo advised that he was unable to recall Eric-Emmanuel Hooson, or having a conversation with him regarding assaults in the area surrounding Bar Cleveland. Mr Hugo did not have any knowledge of assaults, including those

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motivated by LGBTIQ bias, occurring in this area. Mr Hugo was able to recall the name “Champagne Charlie”, but could not recall anything further.

6. On 19 July 2023, I also attempted telephone contact with Brent Tozer. Mr Tozer did not answer or return the call, and was therefore not able to be questioned on his recollection of Mr Stockton’s death and any anti-LGBTIQ violence in and around Bar Cleveland.
7. The Inquiry attempted to locate Magda Kos in order to make enquiries as to her recollections of Mr Stockton’s death and assaults and any anti-LGBTIQ violence at Bar Cleveland and in the surrounding areas. Unfortunately, Ms Kos was not able to be located.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DA', written in a cursive style.

Name: Darren Brown

Date: 9 August 2023