



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

21 December 2022

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 Commissioner, Queensland Police Service
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Commissioner,

NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Summons to produce

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

The Inquiry

On 13 April 2022 the Governor of NSW, by Letters Patent, issued a commission to his Honour to inquire into and report on historical LGBTIQ hate crimes. Specifically, the Letters Patent require his Honour to inquire into and report to the Governor and Premier on the following matters by 30 June 2023:

- A. The manner and cause of death in all cases that remain unsolved from the 88 deaths or suspected deaths of men potentially motivated by gay hate bias that were considered by Strike Force Parrabell; and
- B. The manner and cause of death in all unsolved suspected hate crime deaths in New South Wales that occurred between 1970 and 2010 where:
 - i. The victim was a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) community; and
 - ii. The death was the subject of a previous investigation by the NSW Police Force.

Further information in relation to the background and conduct of the Inquiry can be found on the Inquiry's website: www.specialcommission.nsw.gov.au.

Summons QLDPS3

In the course of inquiring into deaths which fall within the Inquiry's terms of reference, the Inquiry would be assisted by any information held by the Queensland Police Service in relation to **Mark Stewart (DOB:**

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18/07/1957), also known by the name of Mark Spanswick. Mr Stewart's death was considered by Strike Force Parrabell, and accordingly must be considered by the Inquiry. Available records indicate that Mr Stewart resided in Queensland in or around 1975-1976.

Please find **enclosed** a summons to produce documents to the Inquiry in relation to Mr Stewart (summons QLDP53).

Timeframe for provision of material

The summons is returnable on **Tuesday, 17 January 2023** and the documents may be produced electronically to the email address listed below.

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.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

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

Yours faithfully



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