



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

### Statement of Caitlin Healey-Nash

21 March 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 a Senior Solicitor by the Inquiry.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the death of Mark Stewart (formerly, Mark Spanswick), who died on 10 or 11 May 1976 in Manly.

#### Information received from LW

4. Since 9 December 2022, I have been in email contact with LW, sister of Mark Stewart. In an email dated 22 February 2023, LW advised that when the Spanswick family were in Australia for extended holidays, they would stay in both Manly and Kings Cross. She recalled that Mr Stewart loved walking around the Shelly Beach and headland area. LW did not know whether Mr Stewart was gay.
5. On 16 March 2023, I attended a teleconference with LW. During that teleconference, LW confirmed that the Spanswick family took at least two, if not three, trips to Sydney when Mr Stewart was aged between 8 and 14 years old. The family would stay in a boarding house in Manly (similar to a bed and breakfast) for part of their visits, and in a hotel in Kings Cross.
6. According to LW, Kings Cross and Manly were both areas that Mr Stewart was familiar with, and the family had good times there. LW again recalled that Mr Stewart particularly enjoyed the Shelly Beach area and would go exploring up into the rocks and headlands above Shelly Beach, while the rest of the family stayed on the beach.
7. Following the teleconference, LW advised me by email that the family stayed in the Hampton Court Hotel (now known as the New Hampton Court Hotel) in Kings Cross when they visited Sydney. LW also stated that she and her brothers were brought up to be independent and self-sufficient. They all loved travel and all left home early.

**Signature:** 

**Name:** Caitlin Healey-Nash

**Date:** 21 March 2023