



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

### Statement of Caitlin Healey-Nash

3 April 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 Peter Sheil, who died between 27 and 29 April 1983 at Gordons Bay near Clovelly, Sydney.

#### Information from Garry Wotherspoon

4. On 20 September 2022, a conference was held with historian Garry Wotherspoon and Inquiry staff. During that conference, an inquiry was made to Mr Wotherspoon by Counsel Assisting the Inquiry about beat locations in the Coogee and Clovelly area. Mr Wotherspoon advised Counsel Assisting that the coastal path between Coogee and Clovelly beaches, below which Mr Sheil was found, was a beat. Mr Wotherspoon has also given evidence to the Special Commission that Giles Baths, at the northern end of Coogee Beach between Coogee and Gordons Bay, was a beat.<sup>1</sup>

#### Material received from NSW Health Pathology – Forensic Medicine

5. On 14 November 2022, the Inquiry issued a summons to NSW Health Pathology – Forensic Medicine (“Forensic Medicine”) for all material held in relation to Mr Sheil (summons DOFM3).
6. On 23 November 2022, Forensic Medicine produced a 13-page file relating to Mr Sheil. The file contained the following documents: the P79A report of death to Coroner (two copies), the post-mortem report (three copies), the interim post-mortem report, the Coroner’s order for a post-mortem to be performed, the toxicology report and histopathology results.
7. I reviewed the material within this file and noted that the majority of these documents had previously been produced to the Inquiry as part of the coronial file for Mr Sheil’s death. The only documents which were new to the Inquiry were the interim post-mortem report, the Coroner’s order and the histopathology results. I did not consider there to be any new information in this

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibit 2, Tab 1, Statement of Garry Wotherspoon dated 14 November 2022, [38]-[39]; Transcript of the Inquiry, 21 November 2022, T182.39-40.

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material which was not already before the Inquiry. Accordingly, no documents from the Forensic Medicine file were added to the tender bundle for Mr Sheil's matter.

Signature: 

Name: Caitlin Healey-Nash

Date: 3 April 2023