

From: [Elizabeth Blomfield](#)
To: [Patrick Hodgetts](#)
Subject: RE: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: William Rooney [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Date: Monday, 7 November 2022 9:23:00 AM
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Hi Patrick

I confirm receipt of the hard copy file.

Thanks for your assistance with this.

Kind regards



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Dear Elizabeth

Further to the below, I confirm that the hard copy file will be delivered to you today. I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt.

That file is provided on a confidential basis.

In relation to archive box B/2017/12973, our instructing officers have a record that the box was returned and that it is with the records section, however will be attending the records section to seek clarification. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards



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Sent: Thursday, 3 November 2022 5:32 PM
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[REDACTED] Emily Burston <Emily.Burston@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au>; Craig Norman
[REDACTED]

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Dear Elizabeth

Thank you for your email.

I can arrange delivery of the hard copy file from Wollongong Police District tomorrow.

In relation to B/2017/12973, I am seeking clarification and will get back to you.

Kind regards



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Dear Patrick

Thank you for the update below.

I look forward to receiving the hard copy file from Wollongong Police District. Do you have an idea of when we might expect to receive same?

In relation to B/2017/12973, I understand that this is currently held by the Inquiry and confirm it contains Wendy Waine material as you indicated. This has not been returned by the Inquiry, so could I ask that you please confirm with those instructing officers that what they hold is not extra material in relation to William Rooney?

Thank you for your ongoing assistance and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards



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From: Patrick Hodgetts <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, 1 November 2022 5:52 PM

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Dear Elizabeth

Thank you for your email.

Since my previous email I have learned that (former) Detective Inspector Ainsworth has disengaged from NSWPF. Inspector Dark has informed me that he is unable to assist as he was not involved in any investigation into William Rooney. His only involvement was that he provided assistance to (former) Detective Sergeant Bridge to interview and charge Mr Mark Scerri with a sexual assault matter.

As a matter of completeness, we made a request directly to the Wollongong Police District and requested that it conduct a search of any locally held electronic or hard copy material held there (even though it would be expected that any hard copy material would have been transferred to State Archives). That search has identified a hard copy file in relation to William Rooney being stored within that Police District. I understand that most of that hard copy material is also contained in the SF Parrabell E@glei file that has been provided to the Inquiry, although there may be one or more documents contained in that file which are not contained in same. We are arranging delivery of that hard copy file to the Inquiry.

In relation to archive boxes B/2016/9096 & B/2001/103, I had erroneously below referred to those boxes as being "missing". I had meant to refer to archive boxes B/2003/17611 and B/2017/12973 (being those boxes indicated in the letter as there being no record of provision to the Inquiry). In relation to B/2003/17611, I am instructed that that reference was provided to our office by our instructing officers in error and can be disregarded. In relation to B/2017/12973, I am instructed that this box was provided to the Inquiry however was returned from the Inquiry and is being held by our instructing officers. It contains a small file in relation to the matter of Wendy Waine/Wayne Brennan. Please let me know if you would like this box to be returned to the Inquiry.

Of course, please let me know if you require any clarification.

Kind regards



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Dear Patrick

Could you please provide an update in relation to your enquiries with Detective Inspectors Ainsworth and Dark as well as your enquiries with State Archives?

If those enquiries are ongoing, I would be grateful for a timeframe within which you anticipate having a response in

relation to my letter of 12 October.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards



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From: Patrick Hodgetts <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Tuesday, 18 October 2022 6:05 PM

To: Enzo Camporeale <Enzo.Camporeale@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au>

Cc: Elizabeth Blomfield <Elizabeth.Blomfield@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au>; Matthew Fletcher <Matthew.Fletcher@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au>; Craig Norman <[REDACTED]>; Katherine Garaty <[REDACTED]>

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Dear Enzo

We refer to your letter of 12 October in relation to the death of William Rooney.

I confirm that searches were undertaken in the following locations, and all material that was identified in those locations in relation to the death of William Rooney was provided to the Inquiry:

- State Archives
- COPS
- Pre-COPS data
- E@glei
- KODA ("overarching" NSWPF search engine)

It is not clear where further material, if any, in relation to William Rooney would be held. All investigative material would ordinarily be expected to be located within one of, or a combination of, those locations. However, it is possible that officers or Commands investigating the matter operated a hard copy file and/or did not use the E@glei system (as would ordinarily be expected).

Given that NSWPF has not been in a position to review hard copy material retrieved from State Archives or undertake a detailed review of electronic material before provision to the Inquiry, it is difficult to know whether there may be any further material responsive to a request (that is not contained in the material from State Archives or electronic databases), or where any further enquiries should be directed to locate any further material having regard to the content of material that is so contained. We are grateful for your assistance in that regard.

Enquiries are in the process of being made with Detective Inspector Ainsworth and Detective Inspector Dark (who was the "2IC" under Sergeant Bridge, who has disengaged from NSWPF) in relation to the location of any further material that may exist. Those enquiries are being made on an urgent basis and we will revert to you as soon as possible.

Missing archive boxes

In relation to the apparently missing archive boxes B/2016/9096 & B/2001/103, confirmation has been sought from

State Archives as to the delivery status and current location of those boxes and I will revert to you in that regard as soon as possible.

Kind regards



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Subject: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: William Rooney

Dear Patrick,

I refer to the above Inquiry.

On behalf of Elizabeth Blomfield, please find **attached** correspondence in relation to the death of William Rooney.

Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth on 02 9372 8473 if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Kind regards

Matt



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