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12 Jan '90.

To Sydney Coroner. Re: MR. Blair Work (28)  
[redacted] Harris St  
Pyrmont.

Mr. Blair Work has been referred to me by Dr. J. Sleep on the 14.11.89. I saw him at my consulting rooms at the MLC Medical Centre at Martin Pl on the 22.11.89.

He suffered from depression which was mainly due to termination of 8 yr old homosexual relationship.

Mr. B. Work admitted the fact that he was drinking a lot & wanted me to help him to stop the habit. He told me that he felt claustrophobic in his office as it was very small and filled with boxes. The place where he worked was under construction.

He also said he was living in a small, cheap hotel at Pyrmont. He had no money to pay me for consultation (fee of \$55) but promised to pay me later.

I have made another appointment for him on the 13 Dec '89, but he cancelled the appointment.

However, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of <sup>Nov</sup> ~~Dec~~ 89 he came to my group work shop held at my residential address as above & brought chicken for lunch. He was quite happy then & worked well when his turn came up

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There were six people in the group.

He left the message on my phone recorder on the 8/1/90. He announced his name when he rang and added he was ringing on Monday afternoon. I was at Blue Mountains on that day, but I heard the message via remote control. I could not ring him back as he was not on the phone. I returned back to Double Bay on Monday 8/1/90 at 10pm.

On Tuesday 9/1/90 Mr. Blair came to ~~see~~ my home address at Double Bay without an appointment. I was absent, but my landlady opened the door for him & told him that I would be back sometime late afternoon.

I arrived at 5pm, I had a message on my phone recorder from his mother Mrs. S. Wark to ring her, which I did. She expressed concern about him & did not know where he was.

I left a message at Pyrmont Arms Hotel on 9/1/90 at 9pm for Mr. Wark to contact me. But I never heard from him since.

Dr. Sleep informed me that Mr. Blair Wark had a long history of depressive illness & was prescribed strong doses of antidepressants by other G.P. Dr. Sleep saw Mr. Wark only twice.

In my opinion Mr. Wark suicided himself as a result of depression & loneliness.

Mr. Wark had an extraordinary high I.Q., was very pleasant man, very creative.

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and it is a great shame that he did not persevere in seeking assistance for help.

I have written him a letter on the 13/12/89 offering him free consultations as I enjoyed working with him and was aware of his financial difficulties.

He made two attempts to contact me <sup>on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of Jan</sup> ~~on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> of Jan~~ but on both occasions I was out of reach.

With regrets,

Sincerely yours,

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