



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Professor Brander,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Replacement material for expert report

I refer to my letter of instruction to you dated 11 December 2022 requesting an expert report in relation to the death of Simon Blair Wark, and to our email correspondence on 12 and 14 December 2022 regarding the material in your expert brief.

Tab 7 of expert brief

As you note in your email of 12 December 2022, the weather, synoptic and rainfall observations included at Tab 7 of your expert brief are for the incorrect year. My apologies for this error.

Please find **enclosed** the weather, synoptic and rainfall observations for the period 1-24 January 1990. I would be most grateful if you could please replace Tab 7 of your expert brief with this document.

I also provide an updated summary of the weather information obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology to replace part of the summary at pp. 4-5 of your letter of instruction.

Temperature

- The maximum temperature at Sydney Observatory Hill on 9 and 10 January 1990 was 20.9 and 23.2 degrees Celsius (“degrees”) respectively. The highest temperature at Sydney Airport was 20.8 and 21.7 degrees respectively.¹
- The minimum temperature at Sydney Observatory Hill on 9 and 10 January 1990 was 18.2 and 17.6 degrees respectively. The lowest temperature at Sydney Airport was 18.8 and 18.2 degrees respectively.²

¹ Weather, Synoptic and Rainfall Observations for Watsons Bay area (Bureau of Meteorology Data Document CAS-42702-V4S0D9-4), p. 12 and 14 (**replacement Tab 7**).

² Ibid.

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- The temperature between 12.00am and 6.00am on 10 January 1990 was between 18.1 and 18.6 degrees.³

Rainfall

- 22.8mm of rain was recoded at Sydney Observatory Hill in the period between 3.00pm on 9 January 1990 and 9.00am on 10 January 1990.⁴
- 22.6mm of rain was recorded at the Rose Bay site in the 24 hours to 9.00am on 10 January 1990.⁵

Wind

- At between 3.00pm on 9 January and 9.00am on 10 January 1990, the wind at Sydney Observatory Hill was between 0 and 11 kilometres per hour (calm to light winds).⁶
- During this period, the wind blew in a southerly direction; with the exception of between 9.00pm on 9 January and midnight on 10 January where it blew in a south easterly direction.⁷

Visibility

- Between 3.00pm on 9 January 1990 and 6.00am on 10 January 1990, visibility was recorded to be between 800m and 10000m, with cloud cover at eight oktas (overcast).⁸

I would be most grateful if you could consider the updated observations at Tab 7 and above summary when answering the questions set out in my letter of 11 December 2022.

Daily synoptic charts

Finally, I confirm that I am currently making enquiries with the Bureau of Meteorology regarding the availability of daily synoptic (meteorological) charts for the period 1-12 January 1990 and will provide you with an update at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Healey-Nash on 0466 480 286 if you have any further queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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Senior Solicitor

For Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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³ Ibid, p. 5.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Ibid, p. 16.

⁶ Ibid, p. 5

⁷ Ibid.

⁸ Ibid.