

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

1 August 2023

Executive Director National Parks and Wildlife Service 12 Darcy Street PARRAMATTA NSW 150

By email: parks.info@environment.nsw.gov.au

Dear Executive Director,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Summons to produce

I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar in the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes ("the Inquiry").

The Inquiry's Terms of Reference

On 13 April 2022 the Governor, by Letters Patent, issued a commission to his Honour to inquire into and report on historical LGBTIQ hate crimes. The Letters Patent require his Honour to inquire into and report to the Governor and Premier on the following matters by 30 August 2023:

- A. The manner and cause of death in all cases that remain unsolved from the 88 deaths or suspected deaths of men potentially motivated by gay hate bias that were considered by Strike Force Parrabell; and
- B. The manner and cause of death in all unsolved suspected hate crime deaths in New South Wales that occurred between 1970 and 2010 where:
 - The victim was a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) community; and
 - ii. The death was the subject of a previous investigation by the NSW Police Force.

Summons NPWS1

In considering the matters within the Inquiry's terms of reference, the Commissioner would be assisted by information held by the National Parks and Wildlife Service ("NPWS") in relation to fencing installed along the cliff line at Gap Bluff as at January 1990.

To this end, please find **enclosed** a summons for any records depicting the extent, nature and location of fencing installed along the cliff line at Gap Bluff as at January 1990 or otherwise the nearest prior date to that date for which such records are available (summons NPWS1). Please note that the Inquiry does not require all such records, just those records which most clearly demonstrate the extent and location of the fencing at the time.

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To assist in locating these records, I have **enclosed**, as Annexure A to this letter, a map of the area which has been marked with a red circle to indicate the area of the Gap Bluff that the Inquiry is interested in.

Please also feel free to contact Caitlin Healey-Nash, A/Principal Solicitor, if you would be assisted by further clarification of the location or the information that is sought.

Timeframe for provision of material

This summons is returnable at **10:00am on Tuesday, 8 August 2023** and your cooperation with this timeframe is appreciated. The material can be produced electronically to the email address specified below.

In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the exhibits.

Thank you for your assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Healey-Nash on 0466 480 286 or at <u>caitlin.healey-nash@specialcommission.nsw.gov.au</u> if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Caitlin Healey-Nash A/Principal Solicitor

For Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

Encl. (1)

ANNEXURE A

