



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

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

Summons to produce in relation to the death of Richard Slater (NSWPF28)

There are two matters I wish to raise with you that relate to the summons.

1. As part of its review of the death of Richard Slater, the Inquiry seeks to obtain the crime scene and other photographs taken in the course of the initial investigation. Those photographs are not included in the records provided by the NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") to date, save for a selection of five photographs included in the material produced in relation to Strike Force Parrabell. However, it appears from the cover notes of those photographs in the eagle.i holdings relating to Strike Force Parrabell that the remainder of the photographs were located and reviewed by Detective Senior Constable Yusuf on 18 May 2016 in the course of that investigation.

Accordingly, the **enclosed** summons (NSWPF28) seeks copies of those photographs, and any other photographs the NSW Police Force is able to locate in relation to Mr Slater's death. I also **enclose**, for reference, a copy of the Statement of Constable Gary John Clausen dated 1 June 1980, which describes several photographs taken by Constable Clausen in the course of the initial investigation of Mr Slater's death.

2. More generally, I would be grateful if NSWPF could make enquiries and advise whether there may be other material relating to the investigation of Mr Slater's death that has not been produced pursuant to Summons NSWPF1. The files produced to the Inquiry to date include only two running sheet entries, dated 22 December 1980. However, the available statements of investigating officers refer to several investigative steps taken early in the investigation, including numerous persons being interviewed, which are not otherwise documented in the material available. The Inquiry infers that further running sheets or other material may exist which has not yet been provided. I note that the material already

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provided primarily relates to the re-opening of the investigation after inquest, under Detective Senior Constable Grahame Inkster, following the provision of intelligence identifying a possible suspect on 27 August 1982, and contains only selected material from the initial investigation. I also note that it is possible that further material is located with the photographs viewed by Detective Constable Yusuf, which are also the subject of Summons NSWPF28 (a copy of the relevant covering note referred to in the summons is attached).

The summons is returnable at **10am on Wednesday, 19 October 2022**. The Inquiry would be grateful for a response to the above request for information on the same date (whether that required by the present summons or more generally the subject of the request in point 2 above). In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist his Honour 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 material sought.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Emily Burston on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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for Crown Solicitor

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