



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

As you are aware, the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (“the Inquiry”) is inquiring into the death of Richard Slater (born 19 April 1911). Mr Slater died on 22 December 1980 following an assault in Birdwood Park, Newcastle.

Testing of exhibits

As part of the Inquiry’s review of Mr Slater’s death, the Inquiry has consulted with the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (“FASS”), which has advised that there may be some new opportunities for testing the exhibits identified with respect to Mr Slater’s death.

Accordingly, please find **enclosed** a summons seeking production of those exhibits (summons NSWPF39).

To assist identify those exhibits, please also find **enclosed** copies of the following documents:

1. Statement of Constable Gary John Clausen dated 1 June 1981; and
2. Report of scientific examination by Sandra Anne Gorringer dated 16 February 1981.

Timeframe and mechanism for provision of material

The summons is returnable on **15 December 2022 at 10:00am** and your cooperation with this timeframe is appreciated. 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 exhibits.

Once the exhibits are located, please do not deliver the exhibits to the Inquiry, but rather inform the Inquiry of the location of the exhibits in writing. To minimise handling, arrangements will then be made for FASS to receive the exhibits to directly form the NSWPF for further forensic testing.

Thank you for your assistance.

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

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale
Director, Legal
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