

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

18 May 2022

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By email:

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Summons for documents

I refer to my letter of 4 May 2022 and our telephone conversation of 11 May 2022.

My letter requested particulars from the NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") regarding the 88 suspicious deaths reviewed by Strike Force Parrabell, including which of the deaths the NSWPF considered, as a result of the Strike Force's review, to be either solved or unsolved. This information was sought, among other reasons, with a view to issuing a summons for NSWPF records in relation to any deaths which were considered to remain unsolved. You advised that the Commissioner was endeavouring to provide information in response to the letter. I have not received that information to date.

In light of that, I am instructed to issue the **enclosed** summons to the Commissioner for Police, which calls for documents held by her in relation to the NSWPF investigations of 42 deaths which, in the view of the Inquiry, appear not to have resulted in criminal prosecutions and thus likely remain unsolved.

The documents may be produced to James Herrington, Special Counsel to the Inquiry, on behalf of the Hon. Justice Sackar and may be done so electronically and in tranches. Mr Herrington would be grateful to discuss with you how the documents might be produced.

Should the NSWPF provide information in response to my letter of 4 May 2022 that suggests that any of the 42 deaths the subject of the summons have been solved, I will seek instructions to narrow the call of the summons to exclude those deaths.

I note that a further summons may be issued in relation to any additional deaths identified in response to the request at D of my letter of 4 May 2022.

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Please do not hesitate to contact James Herrington on 0498 469 015 if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully

James Herrington Special Counsel

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