



New South Wales

## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

### Statement of Bruce Macdonald

5 July 2023

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary to give to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (the **Inquiry**) as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Bruce Macdonald.
2. I currently hold the role of Special Counsel at Long Saad Woodbridge Lawyers.
3. In 1980, I acted as solicitor for Walter John Bedser through my firm at that time, Macdonald, Edgerton & Co Solicitors.
4. On 9 June 2023, I telephoned Emily Burston, a Senior Solicitor at Inquiry, having received an email from the Inquiry enquiring as to my recollection of the death of Mr Bedser on 2 December 1980 and subsequent police investigation. Following that telephone conversation, I reviewed certain documents published on the website of the Inquiry as to the investigation into Mr Bedser's death, including a record of the interview police held with me on 19 December 1980 (Exhibit 28, Tab 131, SCOI.82123).
5. To the best of my recollection, that record is an accurate account. Further to that record, however, I recall that the police officers who interviewed me expressed that they were pleased that I had located the tape recording which I provided to them at that time, as it gave them a reason to re-interview a Greek family of a young boy who worked for Mr Bedser, who had become sick of speaking to police.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bruce Macdonald', written over a horizontal line.

Name: Bruce Macdonald

Date: 5 July 2023