



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Statement of Emily Burston

7 September 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. This statement has been prepared from my own knowledge and also from perusing the records of the Inquiry. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Emily Burston. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. I am employed as a Senior Solicitor by the Inquiry.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the death of Walter Bedser (**Mr Bedser**), who died on 2 December 1980 at Parramatta Hospital in NSW following an assault that day at his antique shop at 4 Darcy St Parramatta. This statement is further to, and should be read with, my first statement with respect to Mr Bedser's death dated 23 May 2023, and my supplementary statement dated 21 August 2023.

Contact with former officers

4. On 24 August 2023, the Inquiry wrote to former police officers Graeme Trebley, John McGregor and Ivan Hamilton, all of whom had been identified as the officer in charge (**OIC**) of the initial investigation of Mr Bedser's death in various records before the Inquiry. The purpose of that correspondence was to enquire whether those persons sought to put on any submissions responding to the written submissions of Counsel Assisting and the NSW Police Force regarding this matter as at that date. That correspondence sought that any submissions be provided to the Inquiry by 14 September 2023.
5. On 28 August 2023, I received an email from Mr Trebley responding to the above correspondence. Mr Trebley advised that neither he nor Mr McGregor were ever the OIC in relation to Mr Bedser's death, which was (then) Detective Sergeant Hamilton. He otherwise did not consider he was able to further assist the Inquiry and did not seek to make any submissions.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'EB', written over a horizontal line.

Name: Emily Burston

Date:

7/9/23