

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

1 May 2023

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By email:

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Request for further information

I refer to the above Inquiry and to summons NSWPF86 issued on 17 April 2023, which by item 2 requested the exhibits collected in relation to the death of Wendy Waine on 29 or 30 April 1985, including any "fired bullets".

I also refer to your letter of 27 April 2023, in which you drew the Inquiry's attention to paragraphs 8 to 13 of the statement of Detective Sergeant Neil Sheldon dated 16 March 2023 and advised that no additional information in respect of the exhibits is available. You also noted that we should advise you if a separate new statement is required setting out the information contained in Mr Sheldon's statement on this matter.

Contrary to the information included in the statement of Detective Segreant Shelton as confirmed by your letter of 27 April 2023, a review of Ms Waine's case conducted by participants in a Homicide Course at the Goulburn Police Academy in October 2004 and "certified" by Detective Senior Constable McDonald on 31 January 2005 (the "UHT review document"), records in Annexure A that "fired bullets" held by the "Ballistics Unit" were examined and retained (enclosed).

The Inquiry would be grateful for clarification by Friday 5 May 2023 as to the following matters:

- · the basis or source of the information contained in the UHT review document; and
- the nature and status of a "review" completed by participants of a Homicide Course at the Goulburn Police Academy, including the significance of the document being "certified".

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 provide the information sought.

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Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rhys Carvosso, Solicitor, on if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Enzo Camporeale Director, Legal

Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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