



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Scott Miller

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the death of Scott Miller, who was found deceased near Wharf 5, Hickson Road in Darling Harbour, Sydney on Monday, 3 March 1997.

Statement regarding fibre located on debris

As you are aware, forensic examinations have been conducted on the piece of debris located in Mr Miller's hand (EFIMS reference X0000542512).

On 3 August 2023, the Inquiry was advised that a small fibre measuring approximately 1mm in length was located by a crime scene officer NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") affixed to the debris and had been marked exhibit XF0000536279.

On 21 August 2023, the Inquiry was advised that Inspector Andrew Brady of the Forensic Evidence and Technical Services ("FETS") Command had reviewed and annotated a photograph of the debris taken on 2 July 2023, where it appears the fibre is visible.

The Inquiry would be assisted by a brief supplementary statement from Inspector Brady with regard to the origin and discovery of the fibre. The statement should also include the annotated photograph.

I would be grateful if Inspector Brady's supplementary statement could be provided by **15 September 2023**.

Forensic examination of fibre

The Inquiry is currently taking steps to arrange for the Forensic Analytical and Science Service ("FASS") to conduct forensic analysis of the fibre. I note that FASS has previously advised the NSWPF that, given the small size of the sample, forensic testing may consume the entirety of the fibre.

The assistance of the NSWPF is sought to transport the fibre to FASS to maintain exhibit continuity.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm that the NSWPF can facilitate the transport to FASS by **10am on Friday, 8 September 2023** so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the forensic testing.

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

Yours faithfully,



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