



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Scott Miller

I refer to the above Inquiry.

I also refer to my letter dated 30 June 2023 regarding further forensic examination of debris in the matter of Scott Miller, and to your reply dated 3 July 2023.

Further forensic examination of debris

The Inquiry sought the assistance of the UTS Centre for Forensic Science (“the Centre”) to conduct further metallurgical examination of the debris located in Mr Miller’s hand.

The Centre has confirmed that an appropriately qualified expert can conduct a metallurgical examination on the debris. This examination would involve the following:

- Forensic analysis of one sample, performed in duplicate:
 - Elemental content analysis of supplied debris via inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (“ICP-MS”) via solubilisation to determine whether or not metals are present in the sample;
 - Identification of the type of metal, if present in the sample.
- Preparation of an expert report describing the outcomes of the analysis.

Given the small size of the sample, this testing is expected to consume the entirety of the debris.

The Inquiry is currently taking steps to brief the Centre to undertake this analysis and provide a report by mid-August 2023.

Noting the Commissioner has advised it will be necessary for the Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Command (“FETS”) to swab the blood prior to any further external analysis being conducted, the Inquiry would be grateful if that step could be conducted as a matter of priority.

The assistance of the NSWPF is also sought to transport the exhibit to the Centre to maintain exhibit continuity.

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Timeframe for response

I would be grateful if you could please confirm that the NSWPF has (a) completed the swabbing of the exhibit, and (b) can facilitate the transport to the Centre by **10am on Tuesday, 1 August 2023** so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the further forensic testing.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

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Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry