



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

21 August 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cochrane,

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.

Testing of exhibits

I also refer to the conference between staff of the Inquiry and the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (FASS) on 11 August 2023 regarding further forensic testing to be carried out on the exhibits in this matter.

As discussed, the Inquiry would be assisted by further DNA testing of the blood stains on Mr Miller's white t-shirt. Please find **enclosed** the supplementary expert report of Jae Gerhard dated 21 August 2023, which identifies at Appendix B the specific blood stains for further sampling and DNA testing.

Mr Miller's t-shirt (exhibit number X0001676064) was transported from the NSWPF Metropolitan Exhibit and Property Centre to FASS on 15 August 2023.

The Inquiry would also be assisted by FASS re-testing the existing swabs taken from the pockets of Mr Miller's jeans.

It would be of assistance to the Inquiry if any further testing could be completed by **1 September 2023**, subject to the testing's progress and the complexity of any results obtained. I would also be grateful if you could please keep the Inquiry updated as to your progress.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Lockery', written in a cursive style.

Kate Lockery
Principal Solicitor
Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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