



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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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.

Background

At the time of the post mortem examination conducted on Mr Miller, a small piece of “debris” was recorded as being located in Mr Miller’s right hand. The debris has now been forensically examined and determined to be galvanised steel.

On 3 August 2023, the Inquiry was advised by the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) that a small fibre measuring approximately 1mm in length was located affixed to the debris. The fibre was separately entered into EFIMS as exhibit XF0000536279.

Forensic examination of exhibit (fibre)

The Inquiry would be assisted by forensic analysis of the fibre to determine the nature and origin of the fibre, including whether the fibre is a hair or hair fragment (either human or animal). I understand that FASS has had some initial discussions with the NSWPF about potential avenues of testing on this fibre.

The Inquiry is making arrangements to have the exhibit transported to the Forensic Analytical and Science Service (“FASS”) by the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”).

It would be of assistance to the Inquiry if any further testing could be completed by **19 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,



Kate Lockery
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