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NSW Police Force

18 April 2023

Mr Enzo Camporeale
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Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes
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By email ONLY: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Camporeale

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Production of documents pursuant to Summons No. NSWPF85

We refer to summons No. NSWPF85, issued to the Commissioner of NSW Police (**Commissioner**) on 13 April 2023 (**Summons**), with a return date of 24 April 2023. A copy of the Summons is **enclosed** with this letter.

I am instructed that no documents responsive to the Summons are held by NSWPF. To assist the Inquiry, I set out the following information that has been provided to me to explain why no documents have been able to be located:

- a) On Friday 14 April 2023, enquiries were made with Ms Amber Stroud, Manager of Information Services - Strategic Intelligence & Capability Command. This is the current equivalent of the 'Crime Data Centre'.
- b) Ms Stroud confirmed there are **no** digital records held by NSW Police (**NSWPF**) from Plain Clothes Constable Morige in respect of the request made on 8 July 1995.
- c) Ms Stroud considered that if a record does exist, it is most likely to be held in the archived material subject to the specific investigation into the death of Mr James Meek in 1995. That archive material was provided to the Inquiry in response to Summons 2 on 2 June 2022. A list of the material provided to the Inquiry is set out in Annexure A to this letter.
- d) Further, Ms Stroud advised that as of 2002 NSWPF implemented the 'iAsk' system which is an interface where police can make a request for information from telecommunication companies and the results are retained. The information available in the iAsk system is limited to the extent that all telecommunication companies retain data/material for seven years.
- e) A search of the iAsk system shows Plain Clothes Constable Morige did not make any requests in respect of the phone number the subject of the request made on 8 July 1995.

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I am instructed the above searches and enquiries to be an exhaustive search for the material requested by Plain Clothes Senior Constable Morige and no further avenues of enquiry are available to NSWPF to locate the material.

Yours sincerely



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Annexure A – Archive material in relation to the matter of Mr James Meek provided to the Inquiry on 2 June 2022 in response to Summons 2

B0338355	REPO/B/2003/19762	1995 - S/F FIREWEED - POI: Michael Alan HEATLEY - VIC: James William MEEK - Running Sheets - Cat 10 - 16 - Miscellaneous working papers - Murder
B0338353	REPO/B/2003/19760	1995 - S/F FIREWEED - POI: Michael Alan HEATLEY - VIC: James William MEEK - Inquiries with Pawn Brokers and Second hand dealers - Dets' working files - Mapping - ID Photos - Situation Reports - Copy of Notebooks - Murder
B0338354	REPO/B/2003/19761	1995 - S/F FIREWEED - POI: Michael Alan HEATLEY - VIC: James William MEEK - Running Sheets - Index - Cat 1 - 9 - Murder
B0259650	REPO/B/2003/19763	1995 - S/F FIREWEED - POI: Michael Alan HEATLEY - VIC: James William MEEK - Working papers (Order of Crown Witnesses - Criminal histories - Excerpts of Notebooks etc.) - Brief of Evidence - Murder
B0276853	REPO/B/2003/19764	1995 - S/F FIREWEED - POI: Michael Alan HEATLEY - VIC: James William MEEK - Brief of evidence - Murder - 2 parts
B0198677	B/2010/5395	1995 - Copy of Attachments in relation to the murder of James William MEEK - Copy of TIMS disks for Operation FIREWEED