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Subject: RE: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - letter re death of Kenneth Brennan [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]

Dear Emily

We refer to your letter 26 September in relation to the death of Kenneth Richard Brennan.

I am instructed as follows (in response to each of the dot points contained in your letter):

- [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] of Kenneth Brennan, enquiring as to whether there had been any developments in the Detective Senior Constable Adam Noy (Unsolved Homicide Team) conducted a further review of the exhibits previously identified during the 2016 - 2019 re-investigation. The review included meeting with staff from Forensic Evidence and Technical Services (FETS) on 9 February 2022. The meeting involved a review of all available exhibits. On 31 August 2022 Detective Senior Constable Noy was informed by Sergeant Anne Coady (FETS) that: *"In regard to re-examining the actual exhibits, this was done extensively at FASS in the 2018 - 2019 review. So essentially unless there is further investigative information or a focus on a particular exhibit further testing is not likely to yield any further results at this time."*

We are informed by the UHT that [REDACTED NP215] (former partner of Kenneth Brennan) has provided a DNA sample which does not match the unmatched DNA profile. Further, we are informed that the unmatched DNA profile is unsuitable for familial DNA testing because it is a partial profile that does not contain the number of ID points required for familial testing.

We are informed by the UHT that It is currently considered that all forensic and investigative opportunities have been explored and are unable to be advanced at this time, including with respect to the examination of exhibits. All Unsolved Homicide Investigations remain open and NSWPF will act on any information that becomes available.

- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please let me know if you require any clarification or we can assist further.

Kind regards



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Sent: Monday, 26 September 2022 6:10 PM

To: Emily Burston <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Kate Lockery <[REDACTED]>

Subject: RE: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - letter re death of Kenneth Brennan
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Dear Emily

Thank you. I have sought instructions and will revert as soon as possible.

Kind regards



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From: Emily Burston <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, 26 September 2022 5:07 PM
To: Patrick Hodgetts <[REDACTED]>
Cc: Kate Lockery <[REDACTED]>
Subject: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - letter re death of Kenneth Brennan

Dear Patrick,

I refer to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LBGTIQ hate crimes being conducted by the Honourable Justice Sackar.

Please find **attached** a letter to you dated 26 September 2022, seeking certain information relating to death of Kenneth Richard Brennan.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,



Emily Burston *(she/her)*

Senior Solicitor

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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