



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

15 June 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Garaty,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Kenneth Brennan

I refer to your letter dated 13 June 2023 and the Expert Certificate of Crime Scene Officer, Kate Reid dated 13 June 2023 (“Expert Certificate”), which were provided to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (“the Inquiry”) on 13 June 2023.

Request for clarification regarding persons

The Expert Certificate indicates that fingerprint graph “B2” (Forensic Case No. 313808) was compared to fingerprints from the following persons: **NP217**, **NP240**, **NP201** (also known as **NP201**), **NP216** and **NP207**.

Your letter confirms that the fingerprints from these persons (referred to above) were provided in the Major Crime Folder 95/214.

I would be grateful if you could please advise of the relevance of these persons to Mr Brennan’s case, and why their fingerprints were compared to fingerprint graph “B2”.

Request for clarification regarding white handled knife

The Expert Certificate also refers to one white handled knife (Index No. 9622869). It records that no fingerprints were developed from this exhibit.

The Inquiry has been unable to locate any reference to a “white handled knife” in the records produced to the Inquiry to date in relation to Mr Brennan’s death, but notes that a white and green handled knife was seized from **1271**’s apartment in Little Bay in 1996, and subsequently destroyed by the NSWPF. I would be grateful if you could please provide any further information in relation to the white handled knife and the relevance of this exhibit to Mr Brennan’s case.

Timeframe for response

I would be grateful if you could please provide a response to the above requests by **10:00am on Tuesday, 20 June 2023**.

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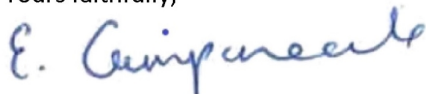
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In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the requested information.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

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

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

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Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry