



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

As you are aware, I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar in the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (“the Inquiry”).

Summons to produce in relation to the death of Kenneth Brennan

On 29 September 2022, you advised the Inquiry by email that Detective Senior Constable Adam Noy of the Unsolved Homicide Team (“UHT”) had finalised his review into the exhibits connected with the death of Kenneth Brennan (DOB 6 October 1941), and the UHT now 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”. Thank you for providing that information.

In order to ensure the Inquiry has complete and current documentary records as to the status of that review, the **enclosed** Summons NSWPF30 seeks any document formally recording the conclusion advised above. It further seeks any correspondence between the UHT and the Forensic Evidence and Technical Services in relation to the above review, and most particularly a copy of the correspondence or note recording the conversation between Sergeant Anne Coady and Detective Senior Constable Noy on 31 August 2022 referred to in your email of 29 September 2022.

Finally, the summons seeks any contact details held by the NSW Police Force for members of Mr Brennan’s family, noting that Ronda Saler is the recorded next of kin, Chris Brennan and Jan Ferguson contacted the UHT in 2021, and **NP215** was spoken to by Strike Force Skarratt. However, there is no need to provide any details whose known currency predates 2017, given such information is likely to be out of date.

The summons is returnable at **10am on Wednesday, 19 October 2022**. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist his Honour 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 material sought.

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Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

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

Yours faithfully,

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