



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

22 August 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Dr Bruce,

### Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Anthony Cawsey

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the conference between you and staff of the Inquiry on 16 August 2023 regarding the death of Anthony Cawsey.

#### Death of Anthony Cawsey

As you are aware, Mr Cawsey (DOB: 26/01/1972; case number FS097769) was found deceased in Centennial Park on 26 September 2009 as a result of hemopericardium due to a single stab wound to the left chest.

A number of exhibits were forensically tested by FASS as part of the initial NSW Police Force investigation into Mr Cawsey's death. Further testing was conducted by FASS at the request of the Inquiry, the results of which are canvassed in your previous expert certificates.

#### Exhibits for re-testing

As discussed, the Inquiry requests that further forensic analysis be conducted on the exhibits listed below, as appropriate.

- (1) *Exhibit 50 – Left 'Puma' shoe of Moses Kellie; and*
- (2) *Exhibit 51 – Right 'Puma' shoe of Moses Kellie*

By way of background, on 17 October 2009, Puma shoes were seized by Police from Mr Kellie's campsite on the southern edge of Busby Pond in Centennial Park. Mr Kellie admitted to wearing the shoes on the day of Mr Cawsey's murder.

In 2016, testing of the left shoe identified a partial DNA profile; however, due to the low level of DNA, further interpretation was not carried out.

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As outlined in your report of 23 June 2023, a swab taken from the left shoe revealed a mixed DNA profile that was too weak for further interpretation. A partial mixed DNA profile was also recovered from a swab of the inside heel of the right shoe. Mr Cawsey was excluded as a contributor to the mixed DNA profile. The DNA profile was too weak for further interpretation.

The Inquiry considers that any trace DNA located on the shoes of Mr Kellie would be of forensic utility to the investigation of Mr Cawsey's death.

### Transport of exhibits

The Inquiry has written to the NSWPF to request the exhibits be transported to FASS by **25 August 2023**. Upon receipt of the exhibits, the Inquiry would be grateful if you could facilitate the further testing as soon as possible.

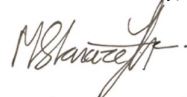
### Request for expert certificate

The Inquiry seeks an expert certificate setting out the results of any testing of these exhibits. Where particular tests and/or analysis cannot be undertaken, or are considered to be of no utility, please refer to this in the certificate.

It would be of assistance if this expert certificate could be provided to the Inquiry by **15 September 2023**. In the event that there is any difficulty with this timeframe or if you have any queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Aleksandra Jez on [REDACTED].

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,



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Senior Solicitor  
**Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry**