



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Dear Ms Garaty,

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On 21 July 2022, a summons was issued to the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) for the NSWPF investigative files in relation to certain deaths, including the death of Barry Richard Jones (22/5/1935 – 29 June 1976) (summons NSWPF3). To date, the NSWPF has produced a total of 53 documents relating to the death of Mr Jones.

Having reviewed the material produced in response to summons NSWPF3, it appears likely that there is further material held by the NSWPF that has not been provided to the Inquiry. I note the following matters in this respect:

- Mr Jones was stabbed some 53 times in a public place. The circumstances are strongly suggestive of homicide. Given the extreme severity of the attack, it seems unlikely that a more extensive investigation would not have been conducted at the time of Mr Jones’ death;
- An inquest into Mr Jones’ death was held in 1978. The Inquiry has obtained the coronial file from the Coroners Court of NSW, which consists of 31 documents. The coronial file refers to investigative steps for which the corresponding records (which it is anticipated would be of substantial volume) cannot be located in the NSWPF material; and
- The NSWPF received further information in relation to Mr Jones’ death in 1998 and in 2018, after the inquest into Mr Jones’ death in 1978. The information received in 2018 included a person of interest being nominated by a witness. There are minimal records of any investigations undertaken with respect to this person of interest.

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Request for further search for records

I would be grateful if NSWPF could please do a further search for investigative records in relation to Mr Jones, focussing on the periods of investigation in 1976-1978, 1998-1999 and 2018 (and any period thereafter).

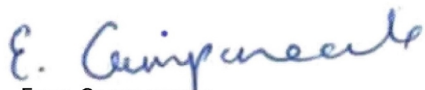
Noting that these records were sought pursuant to summons NSWPF3, which was returnable in August, please provide any further investigative records held by the NSWPF to the Inquiry on an urgent basis and by **13 January 2023**.

In the event that you anticipate any difficulty making the complete records for these cases available to the Inquiry by the specified date, please indicate this in writing, providing detailed reasons for the delay and the expected date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the records sought.

Thank you for your assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tom Allchurch at [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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