



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

21 February 2023

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Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Inquiries relating to death of Barry Jones

I refer to the above Inquiry.

Searches for documents

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).

On 20 December 2022, I wrote to you in relation to this matter, noting that the NSWPF had produced 53 documents relating to the death of Mr Jones and that it appeared likely that there was further material held by the NSWPF that had not been provided to the Inquiry.

On 13 January 2023, Detective Sergeant Neil Sheldon provided a statement regarding searches undertaken by the NSWPF for documents relating to the death of Mr Jones. Relevantly, Detective Sergeant Sheldon:

- Indicated that the NSWPF had provided the Inquiry with an archive box labelled “VIC: JONES, Barry Richard – 27/09/1976 – Five Dock Grandstand Murder”;
- Identified that one further document had been located, being an Investigators Note dated 23 May 2018 prepared by Detective Sergeant Peter Costello; and
- Expressed the view that the NSWPF had undertaken “an exhaustive search for the Documents and no further avenues of enquiry are available to locate the Documents”.

On 13 January 2023, you provided the Inquiry with a copy of Detective Sergeant Sheldon’s statement and the Investigators Note. A copy of the Investigators Note is **enclosed** for reference.

In the Investigators Note, Detective Sergeant Costello refers to an archive box with reference number REPO/B/2003/17409. That box of material was not provided to the Inquiry in response to summons NSWPF3. Nor was that box of material provided in response to my letter of 20 December 2022.

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On 16 February 2023, you advised the Inquiry by email that an additional box of archive material had been located at the premises of the Unsolved Homicide Team, which ought to have been produced in response to summons NSWPF3. I understand this to be the box of material with reference number REPO/B/2003/17409.

I would be grateful if you could please provide that box of material as soon as possible, and by no later than **5:00pm, Friday, 21 February 2023**.

Summons NSWPF62

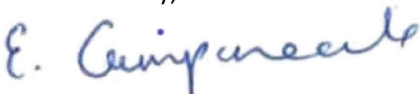
The Investigators Note reflects that Detective Sergeant Costello obtained contact details for Allan Adair from Detective Constable Ross Dickson of New Zealand Police.

Please find **enclosed** a summons to produce the contact details of Mr Adair (summons NSWPF62). The summons also seeks the criminal history for a person of interest to the NSWPF investigation, Mr John Arthur Turner.

The summons is returnable on **Wednesday, 1 March 2023**. Your cooperation with this timeframe is appreciated. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty making the documents and written response 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 documents and written response sought.

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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