



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Dear Mr Barrie

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Request for further information in relation to disappearance of Peter Baumann

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

Death of Peter Baumann

One of the deaths identified as potentially falling within the Inquiry’s terms of reference is the death of Peter Karl Josef Baumann (DOB: 20/04/1957). Mr Baumann disappeared from his residence at [REDACTED] Cross Street, Waverley on or around 26 October 1983. On 4 August 2009, an inquest was held before Deputy State Coroner Milovanovich, who determined that Mr Baumann died on or after 26 October 1983 but was unable to determine the precise date, place, manner or cause of death.

A review of the available records in relation to the disappearance of Mr Baumann indicates that in 2016, Northern Territory Police notified the NSWPF Missing Persons Unit of an unidentified body who they believed may be Mr Baumann and sought to compare the DNA with a sample obtained from Mr Baumann’s mother, Auneliese Baumann.

In order to determine the investigative steps to be taken by the Inquiry in relation to Mr Baumann’s death, I would be grateful if the Missing Persons Unit could please advise in writing whether unidentified body was in fact Mr Baumann and provide any relevant records.

Further to the above, if the unidentified body was not Mr Baumann, please advise:

1. Whether Mr Baumann’s body has since been identified; and
2. When a search of the unidentified bodies database was last conducted to check for a match to Mr Baumann.

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Timeframe for response

To ensure any further investigative steps can be progressed as soon as possible, I would be grateful if the above information could be provided to the Inquiry by no later than **14 February 2023**. The records may be produced electronically. In the event that you anticipate any difficulties with this timeframe, please let me know as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to contact Caitlin Healey-Nash on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,



Caitlin Healey-Nash

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For Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry