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**Subject:** RE: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Peter BAUMANN [SEC=OFFICIAL, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

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Dear Caitlin

We are writing further to our email of 6 March (below) responding to your letter of 31 January in relation to the matter of Peter BAUMANN.

Since our email of 6 March, we have been making enquires with Northern Territory Police regarding the unidentified human remains located in the Northern Territory and which were the subject of the subsequent request for DNA information made to NSWPF in 2016.

We have been informed by Acting Sergeant Joanne Linklater of the Missing Persons Unit, Northern Territory Police, that:

- (a) Detective Senior Constable Mark Pettit (Northern Territory Police) initially suggested that the unidentified human remains found in the Northern Territory could be those of Peter BAUMANN;
- (b) A request was sent to NSWPF to obtain DNA from NSW missing person, Peter BAUMANN;
- (c) No reference sample for Peter BAUMANN was available in NSW;
- (d) DNA samples were obtained by Northern Territory Police from the brother and sister of Peter BAUMANN to compare with DNA taken from the unidentified human remains;
- (e) Two additional DNA profiles of missing persons or relatives of missing persons in NSW were provided by NSWPF to Northern Territory Police for comparison against the DNA from the unidentified human remains;
- (e) There was no match between the DNA taken from the brother and sister of Peter BAUMANN and the unidentified human remains, or between the two DNA profiles provided by NSWPF of NSW missing persons and the DNA of the unidentified human remains;
- (f) The results of the DNA comparison does not support the proposition that the unidentified remains are those of Peter BAUMANN.

We received two documents yesterday (one in redacted form) from Acting Sergeant Joanna Linklater regarding the DNA comparison between DNA from the unidentified human remains and other DNA profiles, including those of Peter BAUMANN's siblings. Those documents were produced to us on a confidential basis for the reasons set out below.

Acting Sergeant Joanne Linklater has informed us that beyond the disclosure that the results of comparison between DNA samples from Peter BAUMANN's siblings and DNA taken from the unidentified human remains indicates that the unidentified human remains are not those of Peter BAUMANN, the public release of any other information in relation to that matter may prejudice an ongoing Northern Territory Police investigation. Acting Sergeant Joanne Linklater has also informed us that Northern Territory Police has a concern about the publication of the personal details of Peter BAUMANN's siblings, which appear in the documents. In light of the concerns expressed by Northern Territory Police to us in relation to the confidentiality of the documents in question, we are concerned it may not be appropriate for the NSW Police to volunteer the production of those documents to the Inquiry pursuant to the present request. We also note our comment above that we have only received one of the documents in redacted form (and do not hold a clean version). In those circumstances, to the extent the Inquiry wishes to obtain copies of the documents provided to us by Northern Territory Police, we respectfully suggest that it would be appropriate for the Inquiry to issue a summons or appropriate request to the Northern Territory Police directly for these documents, so that the documents are subject to the usual production protocols and protections. Northern Territory Police will also be best placed advise the Inquiry of the basis of any non-publication orders required over the documents.

Acting Sergeant Joanne Linklater of the Missing Persons Unit, Northern Territory Police, has informed us that should the Inquiry require any further information or clarification in relation to this issue, she is content for the Inquiry to contact her directly. A/Sergeant Linklater's contact details are as follows:

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 Missing Persons Unit | NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services  
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Kind regards



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**Subject:** RE: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Requests for further information [SEC=OFFICIAL, ACCESS=Legal-Privilege]

Dear Caitlin

We are writing by way of interim response to your letter of 31 January in relation to the matter of Peter Baumann (**attached**).

We have made enquiries with both the NSWPF Missing Persons Registry and Forensic & Analytical Science Service (FASS).

We are instructed that as of 2 March 2023, Mr Baumann's body has not been identified by NSWPF.

Difficulty has been encountered in obtaining instructions in relation to this matter given that the officer from the DNA Management Unit who actioned the 2016 request from Northern Territory Police has since retired. It appears at this stage that the nature of the request from Northern Territory Police to NSWPF was in respect of whether NSWPF held any DNA of Mr Baumann, which it did not, rather than providing NSWPF with a DNA sample from the unidentified body.

We are instructed that in 2005 a DNA profile was obtained from Mr Baumann's mother, Auneliese Baumann, and uploaded onto the NCIDD Integrated Forensic Analysis database. We are instructed that a search of that database automatically occurs each night, however a match for that DNA profile has not occurred.

We are informed that Ms Carole Field, FASS, may be able to provide further information and provide clarification in relation Mr Baumann's case. We have made enquiries with Ms Field however we are informed that she is currently on leave, returning on 7 March 2023. We will endeavour to make further enquiries with Ms field at that time, and will provide any further information to you as soon as possible.

We are of course happy to discuss at any time.

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