



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cochrane,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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

The Inquiry

As you are aware, on 13 April 2022 the Governor of NSW, by Letters Patent, issued a commission to his Honour to inquire into and report on historical LGBTIQ hate crimes. Specifically, the Letters Patent require the Commissioner to inquire into and report to the Governor and Premier on the following matters by 30 August 2023:

- A. The manner and cause of death in all cases that remain unsolved from the 88 deaths or suspected deaths of men potentially motivated by gay hate bias that were considered by Strike Force Parrabell; and
- B. The manner and cause of death in all unsolved suspected hate crime deaths in New South Wales that occurred between 1970 and 2010 where:
 - i. The victim was a member of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) community; and
 - ii. The death was the subject of a previous investigation by the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”).

Disappearance and presumed death of Peter Baumann

One of the cases being considered by the Inquiry is the disappearance and presumed death of Peter Karl Josef Baumann in October 1983.

Mr Baumann (DOB: 20 April 1957) 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

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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.

Records held by the Inquiry indicate that the NSWPF obtained DNA profiles from the following relatives of Mr Baumann for the purpose of matching any unidentified bodies:

- Anneliese Baumann born 7 July 1929 (mother of Mr Baumann); and
- Henrich Baumann born 10 March 1927 (father of Mr Baumann).

Request for assistance

In light of the above records, I would be grateful if you could please confirm whether the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (“FASS”) holds the DNA profiles for Mr Baumann’s relatives listed above and whether they are uploaded to the relevant database for searching across unidentified bodies.

If the DNA profiles are held by FASS, it would be of assistance to the Inquiry if FASS could facilitate the DNA profiles of Mr Baumann’s family members being run against all unidentified bodies in New South Wales.

Timeframe for response

It is anticipated that Mr Baumann’s case will be the subject of public proceedings of the Inquiry later this month. As such, I would be grateful if the above information could be provided to the Inquiry by no later than **Tuesday, 13 June 2023**.

In the event that you anticipate any difficulties with this timeframe, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Aleksandra Jez by email at [REDACTED] or by phone on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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