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Subject: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - Mattaini and Warren - report of Dr Linda Iles re decomposition of bodies in water
Attachments: Russell and Mattaini - Report of Dr Linda Iles dated 18 May 2023.pdf

Dear Professor Brander

As foreshadowed in my correspondence of 3 and 17 May 2023, please find **attached** the report of Dr Iles, forensic pathologist, received today.

As discussed, I would be grateful if you could consider this report and incorporate any relevant information in your draft reports regarding both Mr Mattaini and Mr Warren.

For ease of reference, I have set out below the further specific questions relating to Mr Mattaini's disappearance that it is hoped you will be able to address with the benefit of this report, as first raised in my email of 3 May 2023:

1. Noting your conclusion at [162] that the buoyancy of a body post-mortem would affect the forces which act upon its movement in the water, is your conclusion that the body is likely to have remained in the vicinity from (at earliest) 15 September 1985 until the severe weather conditions of 19 September 1985 premised on an assumption that the body would have sunk shortly after entering the water and remained submerged during this period? My understanding from other references is that it would have made little difference to the body's movements whether it was floating or submerged (e.g. [139], [151], [163]), but I would be grateful to clarify the extent to which your conclusion might change in either scenario.
2. If it is assumed Mr Mattaini's body was floating and not submerged for at least a significant period of time after he entered the water, would you expect his body to have remained close enough in the vicinity to be visible from the shoreline in the period 15-19 September 1985 (prior to severe weather conditions commencing)?
3. Would it make any difference to your conclusions if it were assumed Mr Mattaini was alive at the time he entered the water, versus an assumption he was already dead?

Per previous correspondence, I understand you are able to provide us with a further revised draft of your reports in both Mattaini and Warren by **26 May 2023**. However, if possible, the Inquiry would be grateful to receive the further draft reports as soon as you are able to provide them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries in relation to the above.

Kind regards



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