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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Camporeale

**Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Fingerprint re-examination – Ross WARREN**

We refer to:

- a) the Inquiry's Letter dated 17 April 2023 requesting a review of Forensic Case Numbers 140143 and 718496 (Fingerprint Major Crime Number 89/681) relating to the disappearance and presumed death of Ross WARREN. (**Letter**); and
- b) The expert certificate of Detective (Tech) Acting Sergeant Joshua Thompson (**Expert Statement**).

We respond to the Inquiry's requests below and **enclose** a copy of the Letter and the Expert Statement.

**1. Results of re-testing of fingerprint case number N-718496, Graph CAD-1 in 2016**

The Expert Report at paragraph 11 sets out the results of the 2016 re-testing of the fingerprint N-718496, Graph CAD-1. This was **identified** as belonging to Mr Ross Warren. An "identified" conclusion indicates that two fingerprint impressions were made by the same person.

**2. Re-search of fingerprint FCN 140143, Graph W and examination results**

The Expert Report at paragraph 10 provides that the result of the re-examination of fingerprint FCN 140143, Graph W is **inconclusive**. An "inconclusive" result indicates that, following the comparison, there is insufficient friction ridge information in the latent fingerprint and/or the record fingerprint to identify or exclude the person as being the source of the latent fingerprint.

**3. Comparative examination of fingerprint FCN 140143, Graph W against each of the persons of interest in the table below.**

Fingerprint FCN 140143, Graph W was previously **not identified**. Recent improvements in fingerprint comparison software have permitted greater enhancement and magnification of fingerprint evidence to facilitate comparison in this instance. As set out above, the result of the re-search of fingerprint FCN 140143, Graph W is **inconclusive**.

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On that basis, further examination against the persons listed in your correspondence of 17 April 2023 is not required as Mr Warren was not eliminated as the source of the fingerprint.

Further detail regarding the Inquiry's requests in the Letter is provided in the Expert Statement.

Yours sincerely



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