



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

13 April 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Garaty,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Recommendations of Taradale Inquest

I refer to the above Inquiry and to the inquest into the deaths of Ross Warren, John Russell and Gilles Mattaini, which was held before Deputy State Coroner Milledge in 2003-2005 (“the Taradale Inquest”). As you are aware, Deputy State Coroner Milledge made some twelve recommendations at the conclusion of the Taradale Inquest on 9 March 2005. I **enclose** a copy of the Coroner’s “Findings and Recommendations” made that day for reference.

The Inquiry requests the provision of a statement by an appropriate officer of the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) addressing the following topics in connection with the recommendations of the Taradale Inquest:

1. Whether and by what means (annexing any relevant document) the NSWPF accepted each of the recommendations, including in particular the following recommendation:

Audit outstanding homicides and suspected deaths to ensure investigations are active and ongoing. Where investigations have stalled these matters are to be referred to the State Coroner for his consideration

2. Whether, by what means, and to what extent, the NSWPF has implemented each of the recommendations (annexing any relevant document);
3. Whether the NSWPF’s current practices are consistent with the recommendations;
4. The results of any reviews undertaken by the NSWPF as a result of the recommendations (annexing documents as appropriate); and
5. Any other action undertaken by the NSWPF as a result of the recommendations.

Where the officer refers to a NSWPF policy, guideline or chapter of the NSWPF Handbook, a copy of the relevant document (historical and current) should be annexed to the statement.

Non-publication orders

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I anticipate that the Inquiry will tender the statement/s in evidence and that they will be uploaded to the Inquiry's website. In the event that the Commissioner of the NSWPF seeks any non-publication orders in relation to the statement and/or any annexures, a schedule of the proposed orders sought should be provided to the Inquiry at the same time as the signed statement/s, for consideration by Senior Counsel Assisting.

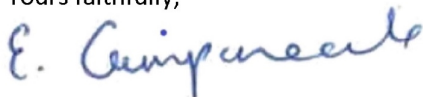
Timeframe for provision of statement

Please provide the Inquiry with the requested statement and any schedule of non-publication orders sought by no later than **5pm on 5 May 2023**.

In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with the above timeframe for the provision of the statement, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing as soon as possible. To assist in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to produce the material sought.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

Director, Legal

Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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