



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Brian Di Francesco

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Di Francesco,

### Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Wendy Waine Documentary Tender

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

#### The Inquiry

On 13 April 2022 the Governor of NSW, by Letters Patent, issued a commission to the Commissioner 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 15 December 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.

Further information in relation to the background and conduct of the Inquiry can be found on the Inquiry’s website: [www.specialcommission.nsw.gov.au](http://www.specialcommission.nsw.gov.au).

#### Death of Wendy Waine

One of the matters the Commissioner is considering pursuant to category A of the Letters Patent is the death of Wendy Waine (formerly Wayne Brennan). Ms Waine was a transgender woman who was found dead in her unit on Darlinghurst Road on the morning of 30 April 1985. We understand from our previous communications with you that you were involved in the investigation into Ms Waine’s death.

