



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Statement of Enzo Camporeale

30 November 2023

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (“the Inquiry”) as a witness. This statement has been prepared from my own knowledge and also from perusing the records of the Inquiry. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Enzo Camporeale. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. I am employed as Director, Legal by the Inquiry.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the matters being considered by the Inquiry pursuant to Category A and B of the Letters Patent. The information contained in this statement is true based on my own knowledge, and from documents in the possession of the Inquiry.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH OFFICERS IN CHARGE

4. In evidence before the Inquiry is Exhibit 66, comprising correspondence between the Inquiry and certain Officers in Charge (“OICs”) of Category A and B deaths. That correspondence was issued from 13 June 2023 to 16 November 2023 and enclosed the written submissions filed by both Counsel Assisting and the NSWPF in relation to the relevant deaths. Following that correspondence, the Inquiry received a number of responses from OICs which are outlined below. The OICs are referred to by their titles at the time of the relevant investigations.
5. The OICs in the following matters were not contacted as the Inquiry was advised that they are deceased:
 - a. Ernest Head;
 - b. Barry Jones; and
 - c. Peter Sheil.

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RESPONSE FROM OICs**William Allen**

6. On 29 September 2023, Detective Sergeant Saunders' wife was contacted by the Inquiry by telephone and indicated that he was not in a position to make submissions about Mr Allen's death.

Peter Baumann

7. On 25 August 2023, Chief Inspector Darren Smith confirmed that he did not wish to provide written submissions or engage with the Inquiry.
8. On 21 September 2023, the Inquiry received written submissions from Senior Constable John Gribble.
9. On 28 September 2023, Senior Constable Jeffrey Emery confirmed that he did not wish to provide written submissions or engage with the Inquiry.
10. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Senior Constable Simon Field.

Walter Bedser

11. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant William Hamilton.

Kenneth Brennan

12. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to I446 or Detective Senior Constable Laura Thurtell.

Anthony Cawsey

13. On 31 August 2023, the Inquiry received a letter from James Clohesy, of Wotton + Kearney, advising he had been instructed to act for Detective Senior Constable Stewart Leggat. Mr Clohesy indicated that he was taking instructions from Mr Leggat regarding the provision of written submissions. The Inquiry did not receive submissions from Mr Leggat.
14. On 14 September 2023, the Inquiry received written submission from Detective Senior Constable Melanie Staples.

Andrew Currie

15. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Constable Dean Greenhalgh.

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Gerald Cuthbert

16. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Michael Hagan.

William Dutfield

17. On 29 September 2023, Detective Sergeant Peter O'Toole wrote to the Inquiry requesting an extension of time for the provision of his written submissions. That extension was granted.
18. On 16 October 2023, the Inquiry received written submissions from Detective Sergeant O'Toole.

Crispin Dye

19. On 13 October 2023, the Inquiry received written submissions from Detective Sergeant Geoffrey Knight.
20. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Wayne Popplewell or Detective Senior Constable Andrew Waterman.

John Hughes

21. On 29 September 2023, Detective Senior Constable Neville Scullion contacted the Inquiry by telephone and indicated that he did not wish to make written submissions.
22. On 21 September 2023, Detective Constable First Class Plotecki contacted the Inquiry by email and indicated that he did not wish to make written submissions.

Simon Wark

23. On 21 September 2023, Detective Constable First Class Plotecki contacted the Inquiry by email and indicated that he did not wish to make written submissions.
24. The Inquiry has faced immense difficulties in containing the other OIC of the investigation into Mr Wark's death: Constable Lisa Ford (who is also known to the Inquiry as Lisa Feet or Lisa Keet).
25. On 24 August 2023, I wrote to Ms Ford at an address in Cronulla NSW. This address had been provided to the Inquiry through inter-agency cooperation.
26. I advised that a case hearing regarding Mr Wark was held on 18 May 2023, and that the submissions of Counsel Assisting addressed, amongst other things, the steps taken during the NSWPF investigation. I advised Constable Ford that the NSWPF indicated they may not act for any of the OICs of the investigations that are being considered by the Inquiry. I invited Ms Ford to provide written submissions to the Inquiry should she wish to do so.
27. On 4 September 2023, the letter to Constable Ford was returned to the Inquiry and marked 'undeliverable'.

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28. On 8 September 2023, I summoned the NSWPF for any contact details for Constable Lisa Feet (summons NSWPF183). On 11 September 2023, the NSWPF advised that they had no records available for Constable Lisa Feet.
29. On 6 October 2023, I summoned the NSWPF for any contact details for Constable Lisa Keet (summons NSWPF195). On 9 October 2023, the NSWPF provided me with an address in Kirrawee NSW and a landline phone number for Constable Lisa Keet.
30. On 11 October 2023, I wrote to Constable Lisa Keet at the Kirrawee address in the same terms as the first letter.
31. On 26 October 2023, the letter to Constable Lisa Keet was returned to the Inquiry and marked 'not at this address'.
32. On 15 November 2023, a solicitor in the employ of the Inquiry telephoned the landline phone number for Constable Lisa Keet provided by the NSWPF and received a 'disconnected' message.
33. On 16 October 2023, the Inquiry wrote to Constable Lisa Keet at an address in Black Mountain, Queensland. The Inquiry had obtained this Black Mountain address through inter-agency cooperation. This letter was in the same terms as the first letter.
34. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letter sent to Constable Lisa Keet.

David Lloyd-Williams

35. On 11 October 2023, a solicitor in the employ of the Inquiry telephoned Constable John Mortimer and spoke to him in relation to his involvement as the OIC of Mr Lloyd-Williams' death. Constable Mortimer advised that due to his inability to exactly recall the matter, he did not wish to make a statement or put on submissions.

Robert Malcolm

36. On 26 May 2023, a conference was held with a solicitor in the employ of the Inquiry, and Detective Constable First Class Yannakis. He advised that he is not able to assist with any information beyond what is included in the police brief.

Gilles Mattaini and Ross Warren

37. On 28 August 2023, the Inquiry received an email from Detective Sergeant Kenneth Bowditch's legal representatives advising he does not wish to make written submissions.
38. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letter sent to Detective Sergeant Stephen Page.

James Meek

39. On 20 September 2023, the Inquiry received written submissions (dated 12 September 2023) from Detective Sergeant Anthony Tanos.

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40. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Constable Saeran Adams, Detective Suzana Apostolou, Detective Andrew McEncroe and Constable Kaelene Richmonds.

Scott Miller

41. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Kenneth Desmond and Plain Clothes Senior Constable Michael Lane.

Russell Payne

42. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Patrick Moss.

Graham Paynter

43. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Constable Castle.

Paul Rath

44. On 11 October 2023, a solicitor in the employ of the Inquiry telephoned Constable Ross Parry and spoke to him in relation to his involvement as the OIC of Mr Rath's death. Constable Parry advised that he could not recall anything further about this matter (beyond that discussed in conference with Inquiry staff in May 2023), and did not wish to make a statement or put on submissions.

Samantha Raye

45. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Constable William Wilcher.

William Rooney

46. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Constable Michael Tranby.

Samantha Rose

47. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Anthony Shaw.
48. On 20 September 2023, Detective Senior Constable Paul Thornton advised that he did not wish to make a statement or put on submissions.

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John Russell

49. On 16 October 2023, Detective Sergeant Adrian Ingleby advised the Inquiry that he did not wish to provide submissions.
50. On 27 November 2023, I unsuccessfully attempted to contact Plain Clothes Constable Sally Johnston (also known as Sally Dunbar) by telephone. I sent Ms Johnston a text message asking her to contact me to discuss whether she wished to provide a statement or submission to the Inquiry. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the text message.

Richard Slater

51. On 27 September 2023, Detective Sergeant Robert Clark advised that he did not wish to put on submissions.

Mark Stewart

52. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Senior Constable Keith Thomas.

Carl Stockton

53. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Neil Walker.

Wendy Waine

54. Detective Sergeant McMann advised that he did not wish to make a statement or put on submissions. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letter sent to Detective Senior Constable Di Francesco.

Brian Walker

55. As at the date of this statement, the Inquiry has not received a response to the letters sent to Detective Sergeant Hans Rupp.

Signature:



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Date: 30 November 2023