



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

13 January 2023

Katherine Garaty  
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Garaty,

### NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Crispin Dye

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the email of Patrick Hodgetts to Elizabeth Blomfield of 7 October 2022 regarding the location of the physical exhibits from the investigation into the death of Crispin Dye (copy **enclosed** for ease of reference).

#### Testing of exhibits by FASS

One of the deaths that falls within the Inquiry's terms of reference is the death of Crispin Dye (DOB: 1 June 1952). Dye was assaulted and robbed at around 4.30am on 23 December 1993 near Little Oxford Street, Surry Hills. Dye was transported to hospital suffering major head injuries. He succumbed to his injuries and died two days later.

By email of 7 October 2022, Mr Hodgetts advised that the NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") holds the following physical exhibits from the homicide investigation conducted in relation to Mr Dye's death:

Item	Exhibit Number	Exhibit Location
Jeans from Mr Dye	X0000638075	NSWPF Metropolitan Exhibit & Property Centre (MEPC)
Socks from Mr Dye	X0000638076	NSWPF MEPC
T-shirt from Mr Dye	X0000638077	NSWPF MEPC
Shoes from Mr Dye	X0000638078	NSWPF MEPC
Blue/denim shirt from Mr Dye	X0000638079	NSWPF MEPC

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Blood sample/blood swab from Mr Dye	TBC	NSWPF MEPC
Head hair sample from Mr Dye	X0000638080	NSWPF MEPC
Extendable baton	X0001547254	NSWPF MEPC

Following receipt of this information, the Inquiry has been in contact with Clint Cochrane and Michele Franco at the Forensic and Analytical Science Service ("FASS") to discuss possible forensic testing to be carried out on these exhibits with a view to identifying any potential persons of interest in relation to the death of Mr Dye. Ms Franco has confirmed that FASS is able to receive the exhibits and conduct a preliminary examination.

**Transportation of exhibits by NSWPF**

I would be grateful if you could please arrange for the transport of the above exhibits located at the Metropolitan Exhibit and Property Centre to FASS to facilitate testing.

The Inquiry requests the assistance of the NSWPF in relation to the transport of the exhibits to ensure this is done securely and to ensure that the record of the chain of custody is maintained.

**Information relating to the extendable baton**

It would also be appreciated if you were able to provide the Inquiry with further information about the extendable baton (Exhibit X0001547254) listed above. In his email of 7 October 2022, Mr Hodgetts noted that the extendable baton, Exhibit X0001547254, was linked to the event (presumably Mr Dye's death) on the Exhibits Forensic Information & Miscellaneous Property System ("EFIMS"). However, it is not clear how or if this exhibit is linked to the matter, or when it came into possession of the NSWPF.

I would be grateful if you could make further enquiries to ascertain if this exhibit is linked to the matter and, if so, how it is linked to the matter to determine whether testing of this item is required.

**Timeframe for transport of exhibits**

To assist in your consideration of timeframes, I note that the case of Mr Dye is anticipated to be considered in a public hearing of the Inquiry in late February or early March 2023. To ensure that there is sufficient time for FASS to conduct DNA testing prior to the public hearing, please arrange for the transport of the exhibits to FASS by Friday, 20 January 2022. Please let me know if you anticipate any difficulties in this regard.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Krynda on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter. If Jacqueline Krynda is not available, please contact Kate Lockery on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

Director

**Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry**

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