



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

13 January 2023

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Cochrane,

NSW Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar in the NSW 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 his Honour to inquire into and report on historical LGBTIQ hate crimes. Specifically, the Letters Patent require his Honour to inquire into and report to the Governor and Premier on the following matters by 30 June 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 about the scope and conduct of the Inquiry is available on the Inquiry's website: www.specialcommission.nsw.gov.au.

Testing of exhibits – death of Crispin Dye

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

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The Inquiry has been advised that the NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") hold the following 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
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 on from the conference with your colleague, Michele Franco, on 11 January 2023, arrangements are being made for the NSWPF to transport the exhibits to FASS for testing with a view to identifying any potential persons of interest in relation to the death of Mr Dye.

Once your team receives and examines the exhibits, please advise as to any feasible testing to be undertaken to identify any DNA profiles present on the exhibits. I understand that trace testing may be possible.

Please find **enclosed** the summary of evidence prepared for the Coroner by Detective Sergeant Knight dated 13 October 1994 to assist your team in considering the appropriate testing. If there is any other material you would ordinarily receive, please let me know and I will arrange for this to be provided.

Testing of exhibits – death of Crispin Dye

It would be of assistance to the Inquiry if any DNA testing could be completed by **Monday, 13 February 2023**, subject to the testing's progress and the complexity of any results obtained. I would also be grateful if you could please keep the Inquiry updated as to your progress.

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,



Jacqueline Krynda
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Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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