



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

14 February 2023

Katherine Garaty  
 Director, Crime Disruption and Special Inquiries Law  
 Office of the General Counsel



By email: 

Dear Ms Garaty,

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

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to your email to Enzo Camporeale and Kate Lockery dated 3 February 2023 in relation to testing of exhibits from the investigation into the death of Crispin Dye (copy **enclosed** for ease of reference).

### Testing of the extendable baton

As per my correspondence of 13 January 2023, the Inquiry has requested that the NSW Police Force (“NSWPF”) transport the following exhibits:

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

The Inquiry was informed on 7 February 2023 by Michele Franco at the Forensic and Analytical Science Service (“FASS”) that each of the exhibits, including the extendable baton (exhibit number X0001547254), had been safely received by FASS.

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### Provenance of the extendable baton

In my letter to you of January 2023, I requested further information about the extendable baton listed above, noting that the only details that the Inquiry had been provided with was that this was linked to the death of Mr Dye on the Exhibits Forensic Information & Miscellaneous Property System ("EFIMS") system.

On 3 February 2023, you emailed Mr Camporeale and Ms Lockery and indicated that the extendable baton was seized at some point during the course of the original investigation, possibly as a suspected murder weapon. You noted that the coronial brief suggests the injuries were more consistent with a square rather than a circular weapon.

### Request for further information

In order to conduct investigations into Mr Dye's death and to best enable testing of the extendable baton, I would be grateful if you could clarify the following points:


- When was the extendable baton seized?
- Where was it seized from?
- Was the extendable baton previously in the possession of any known person/persons?
- What was the alleged connection with the death of Crispin Dye?
- When was the baton entered into EFIMS?
- Has the baton been subject to any forensic testing previously?
- Is the baton linked with any other cases?
- Are there any entries on any other NSWPF system (such as the COPS database) related to this baton?

Any related or further information that the NSWPF has in relation to this exhibit would be greatly appreciated.

I note that the Inquiry anticipates that the case of Mr Dye will be considered in a public hearing of the Inquiry in late March 2023. For this reason, I would be grateful if you could provide an update with any further information by 22 February 2023. Please let me know if you anticipate any difficulties in this regard.

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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