

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email:

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

As you are aware, I assist the Honourable Justice John Sackar in the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes ("the Inquiry").

Crispin Wilson Dye (DOB: 1/06/1952) passed away at approximately 6:30pm on 25 December 1993 at St George Hospital, Kogarah as a result of injuries sustained in the early hours of 23 December 1993.

Fingerprint analysis:

The Inquiry seeks the assistance of the NSW Police Force ("**NSWPF**") Forensic Evidence and Technical Services Command to confirm the presence of outstanding fingerprints on National Automated Fingerprint Identification System ("**NAFIS**") and advise if records exist to specify which exhibits these fingerprints were located on.

Case details

On an unknown date, four fingerprints were obtained from Mr Dye's wallet and property belonging to <u>NP221</u> An Unsolved Homicide Team (UHT) review form, completed in 2005 (**Annexure A**), made a number of recommendations in relation to Mr Dye's case, including: '[o]btain confirmation from Fingerprints that any outstanding prints have been included on NAFIS. Also establish from their records upon which items the prints were located.' However, it is unclear, based on a 2019 UHT review form (**Annexure B**) whether such confirmation was sought.

The NSWPF case number for the fingerprint analysis conducted at the time of the initial investigation is C161666.

Request for information

1. Please confirm whether any outstanding fingerprints in relation to the death of Mr Dye have been included on NAFIS; and

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2. Please advise whether the NSWPF possess any records about which specific exhibits the fingerprints were located on.

I would be grateful if you could please provide the results of the above examinations in writing by close of business on **12 June 2023.** The results should be provided in the form of an evidentiary certificate capable of being tendered in evidence.

Thank you for your assistance.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Krynda at you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Enzo Camporeale Director, Legal **for Crown Solicitor**