



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Dear Ms Garaty

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I refer to the above Inquiry, and to our ongoing correspondence in relation to the death of Crispin Dye.

In particular I refer to summons NSWPF1 issued on 18 May 2022 and returnable on 1 June 2022, and the further material produced by NSWPF in response to that summons on 21 June 2023.

I refer also to your letter of 19 June 2023, in which you advised that the NSWPF holds the hardcopy of what appears to be the coronial brief from the homicide investigation conducted in relation to Mr Dye's death and was in the process of digitising that brief. That material was produced on 21 June 2023 and included the following documents (**attached**):

Item	Document ID
Handwritten Note	NPL.0131.0002.0140
Handwritten Note	NPL.0131.0002.0141
Handwritten Note	NPL.0131.0002.0143

It would appear that these documents are scanned colour copies of original handwritten notes which were taken from Mr Dye's person during the original investigation into his death and retained as part of the hard copy coronial brief.

I would be grateful if you could confirm by **close of business** on **Thursday 13 July 2023** whether this understanding is correct; that is, whether what were discovered as part of the hard copy coronial brief and digitised on or around 20 June 2023 were the original handwritten notes. If that understanding is correct, could you please also advise whether, in the course of digitising these original notes, the relevant NSWPF officers took any measures to prevent contamination of the notes.

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This is necessary to enable us to ascertain whether forensic testing should be carried out by the Forensic and Analytical Science Service ("FASS") on those items, with a view to identifying further persons of interest.

Thank you in advance for your assistance to the Inquiry.

Please do not hesitate to contact Rhys Carvosso on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry

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