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**Health
Pathology**

In the matter of: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes – Crispin Dye
Date: 31st July 2023. **This statement supersedes the statement dated 27th July, 2023.**

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- 1 This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
- 2 I am currently employed as the Group Manager, Evidence Recovery Unit at the NSW Health Pathology Forensic & Analytical Science Service (FASS). I have held this position since February 2018.
- 3 I have been employed as a Forensic Biologist by the NSW Department of Health, since 1985.
- 4 My scientific qualifications are a Bachelor of Science from the University of New South Wales and Master of Science Management from the University of Technology Sydney and I have specialised knowledge based on my training, study and experience.
- 5 This statement is given in response to a request from the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes dated 27th June 2023 to test the blood swab recovered from the break, enter and steal at 6 Cookson Place, Glenwood, 10 February 2002 (charge number H 14401907), exhibit number C780479, and compare any profile recovered to the profile of "Unknown Male A" recovered from the stained area on lower back right pocket of Mr Dye's blue jeans (Exhibit X0000638075).
- 6 Results of testing
 Additional DNA testing, using the PowerPlex 21 System, was conducted on the blood stained swab (item 3) from the 2002 Glenwood crime scene (exhibit number C780479) and compared to the profile of the unknown male (individual 'A') from area xiii of the jeans of Mr Dye.
- 7 Individual 'A' has the same DNA profile as the DNA profile recovered from the blood stained swab (item 3) from the 2002 Glenwood crime scene (exhibit number C780479). It is greater than 100 billion times more likely to obtain the profile from the blood stained swab (item 3) if it originates from individual 'A', rather than if it originates from an unknown, unrelated individual in the Australian population.

Signature:  _____

Date: 31.7.23



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