



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

12 May 2023

Mr Patrick Hodgetts
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: Ernest Head

I refer to the above Inquiry and the death of Ernest Head (born 27 February 1932), who died on or about 17 June 1976 after being stabbed in his apartment in Summer Hill.

I also refer to the statement of Detective Inspector Nigel Warren dated 29 March 2023.

Exhibits

In response to summons NSWPF69 and an accompanying letter dated 15 March 2023, the NSW Police Force ("NSWPF") provided the statement of Detective Inspector Nigel Warren dated 29 March 2023. In this statement, Detective Inspector Warren advised that only three exhibits had been able to be located by NSWPF: three cigarette butts.

In 2008, testing was attempted on these three exhibits. Annexure C to Detective Inspector Warren's statement, a Database Report dated 20 January 2008 (NPL.0145.0001.0006), notes that a match was also tested, but testing was either unsuccessful or yielded a profile that was unsuitable to enter onto the DNA database.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm the location of this match, in order that further testing may be carried out on it.

Transport of exhibits

The Inquiry has arranged for further testing to be carried out on the exhibits that have been located, namely the three cigarette butts and, if it can be located, the match. I would be grateful if you could please arrange for transportation of these exhibits to the Forensic and Analytical Science Service ("FASS") in order for this testing to be conducted.

Timeframe and mechanism for provision of material

I would be grateful if the exhibits could be transported to FASS no later than **19 May 2023**.

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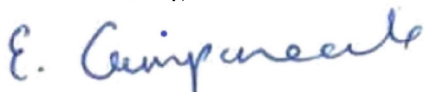
In the event that the match cannot be located, I would be grateful if you could advise the Inquiry of the same in writing by no later than **29 May 2023**.

Your cooperation with these timeframes is appreciated. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with these timeframes, please forward a request for an extension of time in writing. To assist his Honour in considering the application for an extension, please provide a brief outline of the reasons an extension is sought and the date by which you anticipate being in a position to comply with the above requests.

Thank you for your assistance.

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

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale

Director, Legal

Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry