

Francesca Lilly

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Sent: Wednesday, 17 May 2023 4:06 PM
To: Francesca Lilly
Cc: Kate Lockery; Enzo Camporeale; Matthew Fletcher; Caitlin Healey-Nash; Elizabeth Blomfield; Emily Burston; Tom Allchurch; Aleksandra Jez; Katherine Garaty; Aurhett Barrie; Joshua Aird; NSW Police
Subject: RE: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - exhibits re Ernest Head [SEC=OFFICIAL:Sensitive]
Attachments: 2023-05-12 - Letter to NSWPF re match re Ernest Head.pdf

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Dear Francesca

We refer to your letter of 12 May regarding certain exhibits in relation to the matter of Ernest Head.

We are instructed that on 16 May 2023 Exhibit X0001037000 was delivered by NSWPF to FASS. We are instructed that Exhibit X0001037000 consists of a sealed plastic bag containing 3 x envelopes which appear to contain cigarette butts.

In relation to the location of the match exhibit referred to in your letter, we are instructed that Exhibit X0001037000 includes within its sealed bag a label titled "Forensic Biology Packed List" dated 26 April 2007. That label includes a reference to "Cig Butt Remains And Match". The reference in the title of that label to "Forensic Biology" suggests that the Exhibit was "packaged" by FASS prior to transport to and storage at the Metropolitan Exhibit & Property Centre (MEPC).

Our instructing officers did not attempt to open the sealed bag associated with Exhibit X0001037000 before transportation to FASS to avoid any potential contamination of the Exhibit, and as such do not at this time know whether the Exhibit in fact contains a match. Our instructing officers have not been able to identify any other reference to an exhibit consisting of a match in any other exhibit or investigative records.

Our instructing officers would be grateful to be informed of the nature of any testing proposed to be undertaken in respect of Exhibit X0001037000.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Kind regards



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Subject: Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes - exhibits re Ernest Head

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

I refer to the above Inquiry.

Please find **attached** correspondence in relation to the matter of Ernest Head.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Kind regards,



Francesca Lilly (*she/her*)

Solicitor

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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