



## Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts,

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I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the death of Ernest Head. I also refer to the First, Second and Third Expert Certificates of Kate Reid which may be found at Tabs 57, 59 and 63 of Exhibit 64.

### Request for a conference

To assist the Inquiry with best understanding the technology involved in fingerprint analysis and when the technologies became available, we would be grateful for Kate Reid, Senior Crime Scene Officer – Fingerprint Expert, to attend a conference with staff of the Inquiry. Legal representatives for NSWPF are welcome attend.

In particular, the Inquiry wishes to discuss the following matters:

1. When the V11 matcher technology was developed.
2. When the V11 matcher upgrade became available to Australian and international jurisdictions.
3. Whether the V11 matcher technology was adopted by NSWPF immediately upon its development. If not, please advise of the time period that elapsed between the V11 matcher technology becoming available and the NSWPF upgrading to that system.

### Timeframe

I would be grateful if you could please advise whether Ms Reid would be available to conference with the Inquiry by no later than **Monday, 16 October 2023**.

If Ms Reid is not available to meet with the Inquiry, I would be grateful to receive a further statement addressing the above queries by no later than **Friday, 20 October 2023**. In the event that you anticipate any difficulty with this timeframe, please advise me in writing, noting the reasons why further time is required and when it is anticipated that the statement will be completed.

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

Yours faithfully,



Enzo Camporeale  
Director, Legal  
**Solicitor Assisting the Inquiry**