

**INQUIRY INTO FAMILY RESPONSE TO THE MURDERS IN
BOWRAVILLE**

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Parliament of New South Wales
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Dear Ms McMichael –

Submission for the Inquiry into the Bowraville Murders

My name is June Speedy and I am Clinton's mother. I am writing this submission with my son Charles Speedy, David Duroux, Nephew, Keegan Hooper and my grandchildren, Cameron Charles and Morgan Charles. I live at

Clinton was a lovely person. He loved children. He used to love his football. He loved his music and dancing. He loved Michael Jackson and got all the other kids to like his music too. He used to dress neat and loved dressing up. He was a really Deadly dresser and never walked anywhere without a pair of shoes on his feet. If he saw a baby, he would carry them around and look after them. The last baby he held was Erin and she's twenty-four today. And the last word he said to his brother (whose wife was pregnant at the time) was, 'I'll be back to see whether you have a little boy or a little girl.' He was a happy go lucky boy.

His eldest brother, Charles, remembers how talented he was. He was loved and respected for the person he was. And he was loved by everyone. There wasn't a bad side of him at all.

Even though Clinton was taken from us over twenty years ago, it is really hard to talk about him.

His niece, Morgan, who was born just after Clinton was murdered, says that she hears how highly everyone talks about him and thinks it's sad she never got to meet him. She also believes it's sad that the person who did this to our family is living their lives normal but everyone in our family has to live with this pain.

His brother David used to hang out with Clinton. They were close. We would be down at the river or playing pool. And his cousin/brother, Keegan, also grew up with Clinton and remembers how they used to watch movies and how Clinton would dance to Michael Jackson. He looked after himself and was always dressed immaculately.

All of us are emotional when we talk about Clinton's murder and we remain very angry about it.

The police didn't do their job in investigating. Clinton's case would have been strengthened if more effort had been put into finding evidence and we believe it wouldn't have taken this long if these were three white children. We see when young white children go missing and there is deep community concern and official attention and we notice that the same effort wasn't made for our children. If the murderer had have been black and the children white, he would be behind bars now.

The way that this case was mishandled should have led to an internal investigation. It leaves us concerned that there may be even more evidence that the police didn't bring to the surface in that original investigation.

Often the way we would find information out was through the newspapers.

We thought we would get justice in the first case. We later came to know that evidence that was easily countered wasn't and that key evidence was left out of the trial. We don't understand why there is new evidence come to light now and we can't get it back into court even though we worked to overturn the double jeopardy laws.

We know the Attorney General thinks we should get over this but we can't. And nor should we. Clinton was a loved member of our family and we will never stop remembering him and missing him. We don't think the Attorney General would have said such an insensitive thing to the parents of other murder victims like Daniel Morecombe. There is a killer out there still working with children.

After the trial in Grafton, the media was aggressive and it would have been good to have some help.

The whole thing has made us lose faith in the justice system because they help some people but our family has been waiting for 23 years to get some answers.

We would like to get justice and hope that this inquiry can help us get some. We have had lots of times when expectations have been raised only to be disappointed.

Clinton hadn't been in Bowraville very long when he was murdered. He had lived most of his life with us here in Tenterfield and Warwick. His death has had a huge impact on us and our communities.

We would like to see the decision made the Attorney General not to send the case back to court looked at by someone who is more independent.

We would also like an acknowledgement that what happened to us and our families was wrong and that the system let us down by not properly investigating Clinton's disappearance.

Other things that would help is support that would allow our family to do some things together and rebuild our families.

We also need some programs for the young kids to teach them about self-esteem and healthy life style, things that would bring our young people and our old people together.

We would be happy to give evidence to the committee.

June Speedy

7 March 2014

On behalf of:

Charles Speedy
David Duroux
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Cameron Charles
Morgan Charles