

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO REDFERN/WATERLOO

Organisation:

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Theme:

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26 May 2004
Michael Cottier

RE: INQUIRY INTO
ISSUES RELATING
TO REDFEAR/WATERLOO.

To: Standing Committee on Social Issues
Legislative Council.

Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of May, 2004.

I am an interested person in the inquiry. I attended the sitting afternoon at the block where we heard Joyce, Lyall, Kevin, Shane, Margaret speak to your committee.

I asked a few of those present if they thought I should speak to the Inquiry, and was encouraged to speak up. Due to my background and current awareness of the area, its policing and other organisations in the areas affecting your inquiry.

Michael Cottier's background:-

- born 1956 Waverly N.S.W. (EORA LAND)
- 1956 → 1964 resided on bank of Cooks River, N.S.W. (Join Rockdale Youth Centre - late P.C.Y.C. - Soccer, music, etc.)
- 1964 → 1967 Changing addresses - family moves about. (Surfing, soccer, Join P.C.Y.C. S.L.S.C "ELOUERA" at Cronulla.)
- 1967 → 1976 Teenage years - Surf life Saver and Surf Competitor. (1st Gold Medal at State level for 'ELOUERA' club - Joined N.S.W. Police - left ELOUERA club after 11 years.
- 1975 → 1996 Member of NSW Police. →

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- 1996 → now Aboriginal and Generic Mentor.
(Contracted work with Dept. Juvenile Justice and young Aboriginal males - Elder approved.)
- I am a Justice of the Peace No. 14102
- I am a licenced Private Investigator.
- I am rated 12th in Australia in the Aust. Longboard Surfing circuit.
- I am single, after three marriages, a child born of each, 27 year old daughter of Primary School background in teaching, two sons in study, one grandson.

My POLICE CAREER

- 1975-1996 - 21.7 yrs Senior constable exit rank.
- 3 times been on duty at riots at the block.
- 5 years Youth Liaison Officer - Redfern Police
- Waterloo Police Intelligence Officer
- Redfern Intelligence Officer
- Trained Criminal Intelligence ~~ANALYST~~ Analyst
- Numerous Police Operations - Redfern / Waterloo
- 5 years Gay + Lesbian Liaison Officer - Redfern / Waterloo
- 5 years Ethnic Liaison Officer, Aged Persons Liaison, School Lecturing Liaison, Redfern Community Aid Panel Coordinator.
- Redfern CTV / Media Liaison
- South Sydney P.C.V.C. - relieving youth programmer
- Community Consultative Committee construction.
- Filmed by COP IT SWEET A.B.C. Film / doco
- Gave Eulogy at youth death on rail - Christian Life Centre.
- Participated in, developed, conducted numerous youth programs, projects, camps, dances, fishing,

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go carts, computers, basketball, boxing, film, stories, writing, surf competitions and many times the focus was squarely on disadvantaged, dysfunctional, at risk of offending, or actually offending youth and their associates and friends. Take youth to Police Station at Redfern to report as per their bail conditions, support the youth at Redfern Bail Hostel, give and listen to advice with community representatives, participants, aboriginal and other elders.

MY AFTER "POLICE DUTY" - COTTIER

- Aboriginal Mentor - Dept Juvenile Justice
- Graffiti Hall of Fame, Alexandria (Also before.)
- SPANOS IN THE WORKS
- Professional Longboarding and Tandem surfing.
- Whistleblowers Australia - support people
- Cronulla Longboard Association - support surfers
- Mollymook Charity Classic - support kids.
- Gardening - vegi and pots
- Music - didgeridoo - learning
- Promote community awareness of Positive Mental Attitude - BE KIND, BE CALM, BE HAPPY.

Yours Sincerely

Michael Cottier

J.P. No. 14102

P.S. Solution focused, like attracts like
P.P.S. The children need us all to do better for them. No one but mums come before kids.