

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

Name: Mr Donald Binge

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Partially Confidential

My name is Donald Binge I live at .

I will be referring to Clinton as Bubby as that was his nickname. I was Bubby's cousin but we were more like brothers, we went right through school together. He was really good at maths and I was good at English so we used to help each other with homework. We would have weekends at each others places and go camping and fishing. We were always together and always looking for each other when one or the other one wasn't around. He was really good with kids always pulling up and saying hello to the little ones, would never ride or walk past them, he would always pull up and say hello. I would help him babysit the kids. He was a good inspiration, kind of like a role model to me. He was a good artist, good dancer and a smooth talker. We never had any fights with each other, we always got along well with each other, and we used to stop other people from fighting.

Two days before I left Tenterfield to go to Boomi, I wanted Bubby to come with me, he said he was going down to Bowraville because he had a girlfriend down there. I really wanted him to come to Boomi to do some cotton chipping and make some money and then go to Bowraville cashed up. He was so keen to go and see his dad because he hadn't seen him for awhile, I told him to come to Boomi because all the family was down there and he could have stayed with us.

When he went missing, at first I thought, its okay we will see him in a week or two, but a week went by and then two weeks went by, and I found out he was gone. I didn't believe it, I was in shock and denial. I was very angry at the people that gave me the bad news, I was depressed I could not work anymore, I had to move back to Tenterfield. I dreamt that he left us before he even left.

I was very disappointed about the police and how they carried on. I reckon there was a big cover-up. I always thought that and I always will. I believe if he was a white boy, justice would have been done a lot sooner. I am very confused and upset about the court system and wonder why it is taking so long for justice to be served for Clinton and the two girls. It is just not on. Something should be done about it quick.

I still feel the hurt, I still have nightmares from time to time. It's like he is just gone away on holiday and I'm just waiting for him to come home. I love him dearly, I miss my brother and so wish he was still around and I have always wondered if he had children and what they would look like. He will always be in my heart and I never will forget him.

I am willing to appear at the inquiry as a witness if required.

Yours sincerely

Donald Binge

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