

INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES BETWEEN 1970 AND 2010

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The Hon Shayne Mallard MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Social Issues.

Re: Inquiry into Gay and Transgender hate crimes between 1970 and 2010

Good morning Mr Mallard,

On behalf of our members I am putting in the following submissions to the above mentioned Inquiry.

- 1) In the Strike Force Parrabell final Report in the matter of my late partner, Stephen Dempsey strike force Parrabell stated "no evidence of hate crime" whereas the Academic Review stated "gay bias related (anti gay) These 2 conflicting descriptions are totally confusing.
- 2) In the matter of Crispin William Dye both S/f Parrabell and Academic Review state "insufficient information"
the coordinator of the Unsolved Homicide Team both agreed that it was "a gay hate " crime.
- 3) In the matter of the murder of Kenneth Brennan,
in the matter I understand that the Brennan matter was not reviewed by S/F Parrabell because it was being reviewed by detectives from the Unsolved Homicide Team.
- 4) In the matter of the murder of Stephen Neville Jelfs, Stephen's father, Neville, gave the NSW Police, the name of the main suspect...but it was never followed up. Stephen's alleged murder was not reviewed by Strike Force Parrabell.
- 5) In the matter of William Day.
- 6) In the matter of Simon Knight. Simon's parents Robyn Conlan and Bob Knight felt that not enough evidence had been assessed in the disappearance of their son. Bob wrote to the Co-ordinator of the Unsolved Homicide Team, requesting a further investigation but were informed by that the Coroner had to refer the matter to the Unsolved Homicide Team. A friend of mine Duncan McNab and I have found some interesting evidence that was not investigated by the team from the NSW Police Force
- 7) In the matter of the Inquest into the death of Scott Johnson, I attended the Coroners Court for the handing down of the findings into the death of Scott. As there had been a change in the hierarchy of the Homicide Squad and the Unsolved Homicide Team, I introduced myself to Whilst we were chatting a former police officer approached us and said to "Now that the findings have been handed down don't you think you should shake hands with Scott's brother Steve?" Steve approached us and

said "I remember you, we met when the reward was announced. Let me tell you we have put enormous resources into achieving these findings". He then said that "We are doing this for your brother, not you and I didn't like one of the submissions your Barrister put in" and with that he turned on his heels and walked off.

- 8) I then received an email from _____ inviting me out to Police Headquarters to discuss the changes to the hierarchy of the Homicide Squad. I accepted and when I arrived out there _____ came down to meet me and escort me up to the 8th floor. It was there that I was introduced to _____ informed me that in the matter of the death of John Russell, the alcohol reading n John's blood was so high that it couldn't be confirmed that John was pushed over the cliff...he might have fallen.

Mr Mallard, I trust that these submissions are acceptable and should I be required to make oral submissions I will do so with great pleasure.

Yours sincerely

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PRESIDENT