

**INQUIRY INTO GAY AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIMES
BETWEEN 1970 AND 2010**

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Dear Chair

I witnessed an assault on a gay man in 1989 which I subsequently came to believe was perpetrated by members of the police force. My recollections of that event are contained in my witness statement made to police investigating my allegations on 13th November 2013.

On reviewing my statement I find some elements of the timeline I describe as being inaccurate however in substance I confirm its content.

Elements of the ensuing Police investigations and subsequent FOI request disappointed me for the lack of rigor and intellectual curiosity applied to this investigation.

In particular the interviewing detectives opined to both Alan Rosendale and myself at the start of our interviews, that there was no evidence to link our separate statements and as such the events we described were not necessarily the same. The interviews were conducted by different detectives on different dates. This statement left me with the impression both detectives had been coached or groomed in advance by a superior. As the allegations involved misbehavior and criminal activity by police officers I was left the impression the investigators were demonstrating bias and the investigation lacked rigor. While I can't rule out the possibility the events described in my statement were not related to Alan Rosendale's assault, the police investigation can't do that either.

The subsequent FOI request made by me was notable for what it didn't contain and the limited nature of the investigation. I was disappointed there were no interviews with officers who were on duty at the time, including the officer who admitted the victim to hospital, or interviews with plain clothes detectives working in the area on the date of the assault, any attempt to link my recollection of a senior police meeting to any senior officers who may have had connections with the events of 1989 or family members serving in the Darlinghurst area command or any other evidence that the allegations of misbehavior by serving police officers was taken seriously.

Attached are my original statement to police on 13 November 2013, Police Crime report 6th May 1989, a drawing and description of the office at Police Headquarters in College Street Sydney which I had been interviewed in, in 1989 by a senior police officer in the company of the former MP Mr Fred Millar (deceased) and a witness statement from a milk man that was so heavily redacted I cannot understand what he saw or why he was interviewed.

If you have any further questions please contact me

Your sincerely

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