

## **INQUIRY INTO CORONIAL JURISDICTION IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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To Whom it may concern

On the 23rd July 2008, an inquest was held into the disappearance of my son Simon Robert Knight, who was last sighted July 2005.

Unfortunately I received my copy of the brief on the 17th July 2008, 5 days before the inquest was held by the Deputy State Coroner Dillon.

This resulted in us attending, very poorly informed and unprepared.

Also the opinion of the investigating officer was not taken into consideration when he asked for more investigation work to be carried out.

As a result an open finding was handed down with Coroner Dillon apologising to us for receiving the brief so late.

On the 21st July 2015, I sent a letter to Coroner Barnes requesting a new inquest, hoping we could get a new investigation.

On the 20th October 2015, we were informed a second inquest would be held and our hopes were raised. Now after many years and having studied the brief, after such a poor investigation, we hoped that a new investigation would be approved.

Unfortunately we were denied the chance.

We were informed on the 23rd December 2015, that a very brief inquest had been held on the 18th December 2015, without our attendance.

His Honor then chose to formally finalise the matter on his last day before his leave, and a death certificate was issued.

We were left shattered.

When the death certificate was issued it was meaningless, with many gaps and a new death certificate had to be issued.

In November 2020, now 15 years later, with the help of Superintendent Andy Holland and Detective Senior Constable James Mabberley, the reward for information into Simon's case was increased to \$250K.

We are very grateful for their assistance and are hopeful some information will come forward.

Yours sincerely

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