

Communities and Justice

The Honourable Michelle Rowland MP Commonwealth Minister for Communications PO Box 6022 House of Representatives Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600



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By Express Post

By Email: minister.rowland@mo.communications.gov.au

Dear Minister Rowland,

Inquest into the disappearance of CD

During 12-14 and 16 September 2022 her Honour New South Wales Deputy State Coroner Erin Kennedy conducted the *Inquest into the Disappearance of CD* (a pseudonym).

Mr CD disappeared at Little Bay, in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs, on 17 June 2019.

Counsel Assisting was Ms Emma Sullivan. The Solicitor Assisting was Mr Valentino Musico of the New South Wales Department of Communities and Justice, Legal.

Please find enclosed her Honour's findings delivered on 16 September 2022.

Her Honour has recommended that you be provided with copies of:

- The findings in this Inquest,
- The evidence in this Inquest of Chief Inspector Gary Charlesworth of the New South Wales Police Force, and
- The findings of her Honour New South Wales State Coroner Teresa O'Sullivan, dated 4 September 2020, in the *Inquest into the Death of Thomas James Hunt*,

with a view to considering urgent reform of s.287 of the *Telecommunications Act* 1997 of the Commonwealth.

I enclose copies of the two sets of findings above. A copy of the Chief Inspector's evidence will be provided when the transcript's preparation is complete.

I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

This letter has also been emailed to Mr Waheeduddin Jayhoon, in the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts. Her Honour Deputy State Coroner Kennedy is grateful for Mr Jayhoon's valuable assistance during the Inquest in advising on the progress of s. 287 reform.

If you have any queries, please contact me on _____ or by email on

Yours sincerely

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