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STATE CORONER O'SULLIVAN

5 THURSDAY 29 MAY 2025

**2024/00139002 - BONDI JUNCTION INQUEST**

10 **NON-PUBLICATION ORDERS MADE**  
**PART HEARD**

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15 AUDIO VISUAL LINK COMMENCED AT 10.02AM

HER HONOUR: Good morning. Ms Chrysanthou?

20 CHRYSANTHOU: Good morning, your Honour. Thank you for giving us the  
opportunity this morning. A number of my clients will be speaking today and  
giving family statements. I will be reading some of the family statements out  
for other members of the families who didn't feel able to speak but wish to  
have something read to your Honour. There are also statements in the brief  
that your Honour has from other members of families--

25 HER HONOUR: Yes.

30 CHRYSANTHOU: --who have given your Honour evidence and that your  
Honour has seen. Your Honour also has letters from members of families that  
your Honour has previously been given in support of other applications. And  
further, I anticipate that some members of family who didn't feel able to say  
what they needed to say today will be supplying your Honour with statements  
for your Honour to read.

35 HER HONOUR: Certainly.

40 CHRYSANTHOU: And we thank your Honour for allowing that process. For  
some of the statements today, although they will be read in open court, there  
are non-publication orders sought. And the reasoning behind that is that we  
thought it was important for those things to be said in open court, and for the  
parties and the parties' lawyers to hear them, but they not be published in the  
media.

45 HER HONOUR: Yes.

50 CHRYSANTHOU: There's a short minute of order that I think your Honour has  
which sets out which parts or which statements do have the subject of the  
non-publication order. The first two statements that will be given will be given  
in person. Elizabeth Young is the mother of Jade Young and she wishes to  
speak to your Honour and read out her statement. Then Peter Young, the

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brother of Jade Young will also be seeking to speak to your Honour by reading out his statement. There is only one small aspect of non-publication in relation to Elizabeth Young's statement, and it's the words that your Honour has in the orders.

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HER HONOUR: Yes.

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CHRYSANTHOU: So if the media could just be mindful of that one paragraph in publishing what they have to say. They plan to get into the witness box as a family to support each other as the statements are read.

HER HONOUR: Excellent. Come, please.

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CHRYSANTHOU: Your Honour will be hearing from Elizabeth and Peter, but Ivan Young, the father of Jade Young, will also be sitting with the family.

HER HONOUR: And is that Teddy?

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NOEL: This is Teddy.

CHRYSANTHOU: And Teddy. And Noel, the partner of Jade Young, is carrying Teddy. It's the most important job.

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HER HONOUR: We might be hearing from Teddy.

NOEL: We might be.

HER HONOUR: You never know.

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NOEL: He should be pretty good.

HER HONOUR: Take as long as you need. We've got all day, and I know this is not easy. You've got some water there, tissues. You'll see that there's tissues everywhere in this Court.

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ELIZABETH YOUNG: Thank you your Honour. Your Honour, before I start, I will be reading this. I won't be - I can't manage to look at you.

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HER HONOUR: No, that's absolutely fine.

ELIZABETH YOUNG: Or you people out there.

HER HONOUR: I completely understand.

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STATEMENT OF ELIZABETH YOUNG READ

ELIZABETH YOUNG: Thank you, your Honour.

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HER HONOUR: Elizabeth, thank you so much for those precious words and I'm so sorry.

STATEMENT OF PETER YOUNG READ

5 HER HONOUR: Thank you so much, Peter and thank you to Ivan, and to Noel and Elizabeth. Your presence in court has just been incredibly powerful and my heart goes out to all of you today. Thank you.

ELIZABETH YOUNG: Thank you, your Honour.

10 HER HONOUR: Thank you. Incredibly courageous and generous of you to share what you've just shared with us.

ELIZABETH YOUNG: Thank you.

15 HER HONOUR: Thank you.

DWYER: Your Honour, might we have a five minute break?

20 HER HONOUR: We'll just take a five minute break now.

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HER HONOUR: Mr Fernandez.

25 FERNANDEZ: Could I introduce to your Honour the Tahir family.

HER HONOUR: Yes please.

30 FERNANDEZ: In the front row, in the middle is Faraz's brother Muzafar. He will read out the family statement. To your Honour's right is Faraz's brother Sheraz. To your Honour's left is Muzafar's wife Farhat, and to her left is Anabia, she is four years old. Muzafar and Fahad have two other children who are at school today. They are Muzafar, their son, he's twelve, and Hafsa, their daughter, she is eight. Behind Muzafar is a very close family friend, Ashfaq and his daughter Yasmin. Not with us today, because they're overseas, are Faraz's two sisters and brother. Their names are Farzana, Durdana and Mudasir. During the family statement, your Honour will see some photographs of Faraz Tahir.

40 HER HONOUR: Thank you Muzafar. Whenever you're ready and take your time please. You've got some water there if you need it.

STATEMENT OF MUZAFAR TAHIR READ

45 HER HONOUR: I'd like to thank you too Muzafar, and your family. Your beautiful brave brother was a hero, and you should be very proud of him, and I'm so sorry for your loss. Thank you.

50 CHRYSANTHOU: Your Honour, I'll be reading a number of statements today and the first statement I'd like to read is a statement written by

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Daniel Flanagan, the partner of Ashlee Good and the father of the tiny baby that was one of the injured at Bondi, and who was one of the survivors.

HER HONOUR: Thank you.

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CHRYSANTHOU: They're in his words, and I'll read them out.

STATEMENT OF DANIEL FLANAGAN READ

10 HER HONOUR: Thank you, Ms Chrysanthou, for reading that. Not an easy task. It's incredibly moving, and thank you to Daniel for those beautiful words about Ash.

15 CHRYSANTHOU: If I may, your Honour, I'd like to also now read the statement of Ashlee's mother, Denise O'Mahoney, and at the end of the statement, there's a very short video that we'd like to play.

STATEMENT OF DENISE O'MAHONEY READ

20 HER HONOUR: Thank you, Ms Chrysanthou.

CHRYSANTHOU: We'll play the video, your Honour.

VIDEO PLAYED TO COURT

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CHRYSANTHOU: Thank you, your Honour.

30 HER HONOUR: Thank you to Denise, Ash's mum, for those beautiful words that were read out by Ms Chrysanthou. It's so difficult to try and encapsulate a person who you've loved for so long, but we did get quite a good glimpse of who Ash is and I'm grateful for that. So thank you Denise.

35 DWYER: Your Honour, is it convenient to take the morning tea? Might I also just put on the record that I think your Honour might come down and meet some of the family members, and I note that my learned friends don't have any objection to that--

HER HONOUR: Thank you.

40 DWYER: --and that will be very welcomed.

HER HONOUR: How long will we take?

45 DWYER: Till quarter past 12?

HER HONOUR: Quarter past 12, thank you.

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50 HER HONOUR: Mr Roff.

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ROFF: Thank you, your Honour. The parents of Yixuan Cheng have prepared a few words with the assistance of Jenny Xu, their solicitor.

5 HER HONOUR: Thank you. Are the parents listening in, do you know, Mr Roff?

ROFF: No, your Honour. My understanding is that it's too much.

10 HER HONOUR: Yes, certainly, thank you.

STATEMENT OF PARENTS OF YIXUAN CHENG READ

15 HER HONOUR: Thank you Mr Roff, and could you please pass on my heartfelt gratitude to Yixuan's parents for that beautiful piece of writing and I am just so sorry for what they're going through.

ROFF: Thank you, your Honour.

20 HER HONOUR: Thank you, Mr Roff.

CHRYSANTHOU: Your Honour, I have some more statements to read from the Good family.

25 HER HONOUR: Yes.

CHRYSANTHOU: The next statement is of Kerry Good, the father of Ashlee Good.

30 STATEMENT OF KERRY GOOD READ

HER HONOUR: Thank you Ms Chrysanthou. Thank you to Kerry, Ash's dad for those beautiful words.

35 CHRYSANTHOU: Thank you, your Honour. I'd like to now read another statement. This is the statement of Lainie Good, this is Ash's sister.

STATEMENT OF LANEY GOOD READ

40 HER HONOUR: Thank you Ms Chrysanthou, and thank you to Lainie, Ash's sister, for those beautiful words.

DWYER: Your Honour, might we take the lunch break now, and come back at 2. Thank you.

45 HER HONOUR: We'll do that. 2 o'clock.

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50 CHRYSANTHOU: Thank you, your Honour. Two more statements from me.

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Thank you.

HER HONOUR: Yes, Ms Chrysanthou.

5 CHRYSANTHOU: The next is the statement of Tyson O'Mahoney.

STATEMENT OF TYSON O'MAHONEY READ

10 HER HONOUR: Thank you. Thank you, Ms Chrysanthou, and thanks also to Tyson.

CHRYSANTHOU: Finally, the final statement from the Good family from Bella Good.

15 STATEMENT OF BELLA GOOD READ

HER HONOUR: Thank you, Ms Chrysanthou, and thank you Bella for those beautiful words about your sister. Dr Dwyer?

20 DWYER: Your Honour, we're coming to the final of a series of our statements, but I think we need a five minute break to make sure that everybody is online who needs to be, if your Honour would just grant us that now?

25 HER HONOUR: Certainly.

SHORT ADJOURNMENT

30 HER HONOUR: I see we've got on the screen George. Hello George. And Tamara? Hello Tamara. And Nancy.

TAMARA: Hello.

HER HONOUR: Hello. Thanks for joining us.

35 DWYER: And your Honour, Irakli is there as well; you just can't see him, but he's listening in.

HER HONOUR: Hello to Irakli as well. Thank you. Nancy?

40 NANCY HUYNH: Your Honour, this statement has been written by George Darchia, who is the eldest son of Pikria Darchia.

HER HONOUR: Yes.

45 STATEMENT OF GEORGE DARCHIA READ

HER HONOUR: Thank you, George, for those beautiful words.

50 NANCY HUYNH: Thank you, your Honour.

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HER HONOUR: Thank you, Nancy. Tamara, did you want to say something?

TAMARA SHELIA: Yes, thanks your Honour.

5 STATEMENT OF TAMARA SHELIA READ

HER HONOUR: Thank you very much Tamara, beautiful words.

TAMARA SHELIA: Thank you.

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HER HONOUR: Irakli, are you there? Would you like to say something?

DWYER: Your Honour, I have the privilege of reading Irakli's statement.

15 HER HONOUR: Thanks very much Dr Dwyer.

DWYER: I read this statement now on behalf of Irakli Dvali, Ika.

STATEMENT OF IRAKLI DVALI READ

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HER HONOUR: Thank you Irakli, absolutely beautiful words. Thank you Dr Dwyer.

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CHRYSANTHOU: Your Honour, finally if I may, the lawyers for the victims would just like to say a few words and I've been honoured to ask to speak on their behalf very briefly. Your Honour, we thank you for adopting a trauma-informed approach. Chris, Emma, Peggy, thank you. Thank you Amber, and all of your team. We have been awed by the assistance we've received, the patience. There's been some tense moments behind the scenes; you wouldn't imagine it of course, looking at us now, but we have had to deal with a few issues behind the scenes and the overwhelming amount of work that's been done by the counsel assisting team is awe inspiring.

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We get emails from them, and they take our calls at night, on the weekend, to make this run more easily for us and for our clients. We are so grateful for the work and their diligence and dedication to this process, so that your Honour can be assisted to make recommendations that can make a real change to our community.

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We really appreciate all of the court staff. They know who they are. They greet us every morning, they look after us, they supply us with confectionery. That includes the café downstairs and the amazing work they've done to keep us all fed, which is difficult to try and get food ahead of the journalists, because they seem to get down there before us.

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The Victim Support Officers, the Police Family Liaison Officers, have been of such assistance to our clients and to us, and we are grateful for everything that they've done and continue to do, and I know I speak on behalf of all of our clients when I say that.

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5 A special thank you from us to Andrew Marks. He has been very impressive, where I could never imagine having so much assistance from the officer-in-charge of the inquest. He undertook any task we asked, he answered all the questions we had, he spoke to our clients, and he spoke to us and was always happy to engage with us, even if some of our requests were unusual. I thank him and his team, all of his team for that. They have been really amazing.

10 Our colleagues at all the bar tables, all the bar tables in both courts. It's really something to be said about how amazing the bar is in Sydney. Thinking about the cooperation between the people here, to get through the last five weeks in circumstances where some of the evidence was difficult to hear, and I'm grateful to everyone's collegiality over the last five weeks as we've progressed through this inquest.

15 From me to my colleagues here, Tanya, Lester, Paul, Daniel, we have worked together to try and assist or clients as best as we could, and we've supported each other in a way that is unusual and unknown to me in the adversarial system I usually operate in when running cases.

20 Despite everyone's best efforts, the last five weeks has been a very hard process for our clients, and they've found it confronting and difficult. Today was not the occasion for them to express all of their views in relation to the evidence that they heard, but they are looking forward to being able to  
25 participate fully in that submission process, and in assisting in the drafting of potential recommendations for your Honour to make, and I know that each of the families are very keen to do whatever they can to participate in that process.

30 Finally, as lawyers, we have been overwhelmed and humbled by our clients. It is amazing the strength, the dignity that they have shown throughout this process. The ones that have come in person and the ones that have participated online, we say thank you to them for helping us to get through it with them. Thank you.

35 HER HONOUR: Thanks very much, Ms Chrysanthou, for your kind words. That brings us to the end of this part of the inquest. I too would like to echo some of the things that Ms Chrysanthou has said, and some of the things I said yesterday in thanking our officer-in-charge, Inspector Marks and your  
40 team. My team who have been extraordinary. Dr Peggy Dwyer, Emma Sullivan and Amber Doyle, and the team behind them that everyone knows about because they've been receiving emails from them at all hours. They've been extraordinary. No other team could have done what they have done, and they've done it with a great deal of passion and compassion, and I  
45 know how important it has been to them.

I thank you again, the legal representatives and the parties who've been involved in this inquest. It's been a long inquest and it's been so important that everyone works together and you have, and I'm so grateful.

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5 Today has been a day that has affected everyone. You'll see that there's tissues on every table. It has been profoundly moving to hear about the loved ones; to hear about Jade, Ash, Yixuan, Faraz, Dawn and Pikria. I found it profoundly moving. I'll never forget what I heard today, those incredibly moving, beautiful words that were spoken, that I will read about, that's taken enormous courage and enormous generosity.

10 And I want the families to know that their loved ones will not be lost in this process as we go on now with the hard work ahead, which is to put all of this together and to come out with the findings, and importantly recommendations that hopefully will improve systems and prevent deaths. I'm so grateful. We will now adjourn and resume for submissions on 9 October at 10am.

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