

**STATE CORONER'S COURT
OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Inquest:	Inquest into the death of Anthony WRAY
Hearing dates:	27 May 2019
Date of findings:	27 May 2019
Place of findings:	NSW State Coroner's Court - Lidcombe
Findings of:	Magistrate Carmel Forbes, Deputy State Coroner
Catchwords:	CORONIAL LAW – natural causes death in custody
File number:	2018/00039867
Representation:	Mr P Bain, Coronial Advocate Assisting the Coroner
Findings:	<p>Identity of deceased: The deceased person was Anthony Wray</p> <p>Date of death: He died on 6 February 2018</p> <p>Place of death: He died at Long Bay Gaol, Malabar, New South Wales</p> <p>Cause of death: metastatic lung cancer</p> <p>Manner of death: natural causes</p>

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF ANTHONY WRAY

Mr Anthony Wray died at Long Bay Gaol on 6 February 2018. At the time of his death he was in custody serving a 12 year sentence.

Section 23 of the *Coroners Act 2009* makes an inquest mandatory in cases where a person dies whilst in lawful custody. In such cases the community has an expectation that the death will be properly and independently investigated to ensure that the care of that person was appropriate and adequate.

Between 2013 and 2016, Mr Wray was regularly reviewed by nursing and medical officers whilst he was in custody. In October 2017, he complained of constant coughing, with headaches and facial pain. He was reviewed at the gaol health centre and noted to be coughing blood. Subsequent testing revealed the presence of significant metastatic lung cancer.

Due to the nature of his illnesses, a management plan was implemented where outside public health facilities and specialists were utilised to manage his conditions.

On 1 November 2017, Mr Wray was transferred from Goulburn Hospital to the Prince of Wales Hospital (POWH) Sydney, for further investigations and treatment. Evidence from his treating physician, Doctor Wong, indicates the cancer was at an advanced state and had spread to Mr Wray's liver, spleen and brain. The cancer was considered inoperable and irreversible. Chemotherapy was considered inappropriate due to Mr Wray's poor functional status and he was commenced on palliative radiotherapy for symptom control.

Mr Wray was in and out of Prince of Wales Hospital during November and December 2017. On 30 November 2017, Mr Wray received his first cycle of radiotherapy to his chest however declined to receive further treatment. On 1 December 2017, Mr Wray signed formal documents indicating he wished for no further active treatment of his cancer; he was only to receive treatment to alleviate his symptoms. A 'not for resuscitation' form was signed.

Findings required by s 81 (1)

The identity of the deceased

The deceased person was Anthony Wray

Date of death

Died on 6 February 2018

Place of death

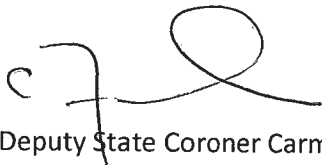
Died at Long Bay Hospital Gaol

Cause of death

The death was caused by metastatic lung cancer

Manner of death

Natural causes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Forbes', written over the printed name of the Deputy State Coroner.

Deputy State Coroner Carmel Forbes
Lidcombe Coroner's Court

Date 27 May 2019