



## **MEDIA RELEASE FROM SUE NEILL-FRASER SUPPORT GROUP**

### **Statement from Rosie Crumpton-Crook – President and spokesperson of the support group**

“The Sue Neill-Fraser Support Group is saddened, but not at all surprised, by the decision of the Tasmanian Court of Criminal Appeal handed down today to deny Sue’s Appeal.

The narrow parameters of the Appeal resulted in key issues not being presented in court. Too many questions remain unanswered, and the Court process has been unable to get to the truth of the matter.

It is not the role of Tasmania Police to use any means to defend a conviction. Their job is to solve crime and in doing so, to ensure that they have collected all evidence available. In Sue’s case they did not do this

It is not the role of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to go to extreme ends to defend a conviction. It is their job to ensure that justice has been done. In its role as a model litigant, the office of the DPP should do what is right even if it is to their own detriment.

Susan Neill-Fraser has been denied justice.

As a Support Group we will now focus upon securing an independent, appropriately resourced and empowered Commission of Inquiry to review what has happened in Sue’s case. An independent inquiry that can offer all persons associated with the case the protections they require in order to give their evidence.

Sue has always maintained her innocence, the Support Group knows that she is innocent, and we will continue to assist her in the battle to clear her name.

There are prominent people in Tasmania who know that Sue is innocent, but who have chosen to remain silent while the matter was before the court. It is now time for those people to speak out.

Supporters of Sue Neill-Fraser will come together on the lawns of Parliament House on Saturday 18 December as the first of many activities which will be organised over coming months. Our aim is to keep this case in the news and to keep pressure on the Tasmanian Government.

We will not let this case go until a proper inquiry has been held that gets to the bottom of how an innocent woman has been left languishing in prison for over 12 years.”

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**\*See Overleaf** – Issues that should be covered by an independent Inquiry.

**The issues that should be covered by an independent Inquiry include:**

- the quality and integrity of the police investigation
- police treatment of persons associated with the case, including the use of physical and electronic surveillance and search warrants
- the integrity and quality of the forensic science evidence, including crime scene management and preservation
- the presentation of evidence and whether it was relevant, complete and objective, including the management of new evidence that materialised after Sue Neill-Fraser’s arrest, but before her trial.
- the relationship between forensic services and Tasmania Police and the current administrative arrangements for forensic services
- the conduct of the prosecution, including disclosure practices, conflict of interest matters, and witness management/support/protection
- the length of time taken for the appeal process (given that the application for Appeal was first lodged on 31 January 2016)
- the management of the RTI processes in this and related matters
- the role of the Integrity Commission and the Office of the Ombudsman in investigating complaints about this case
- the nature of media coverage of the case
- the adequacy and appropriateness of the current further right to appeal legislation and appeal process
- the need for a Criminal Cases Review Commission as in the United Kingdom, Norway and New Zealand