

**Submission
No 82**

**INQUIRY INTO UNSOLVED MURDERS AND LONG-TERM
MISSING PERSONS CASES IN NEW SOUTH WALES
BETWEEN 1965 AND 2010**

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Submission to the Inquiry into Long-Term Missing Persons and Cold Cases

My name is Amanda (Mandi) Rawlings, and I am the cousin of Megan Louise Mulquiney, who disappeared from Woden Plaza in Canberra on 28 July 1984.

For almost 42 years, my family has lived with the unanswered question of what happened to Megan. She was just 16 years old when she vanished after finishing work at Big W in Woden Plaza. She was expected home that afternoon but never arrived. Since that day, our family has endured decades of uncertainty, grief, hope, and unanswered questions.

Unlike families who receive confirmation of a loved one's passing, families of long-term missing persons live in a state of ongoing ambiguity. There is no closure, no opportunity to properly grieve, and no certainty about what happened. Every birthday, Christmas, milestone, and family gathering serves as a reminder that Megan is missing and that answers have never been found.

As the years pass, families often feel that public awareness fades, witnesses move away or pass on, evidence becomes harder to locate, and investigative resources are directed elsewhere. Yet for families, the search never ends. The passage of time does not lessen the impact of the loss.

I respectfully ask the Inquiry to consider:

Greater ongoing review of long-term missing person cases and unresolved cold cases.

Dedicated resources for re-examining historical evidence using modern investigative techniques and forensic advancements.

Improved support services for families living with the long-term trauma of an unresolved disappearance.

Increased public awareness campaigns for long-term missing persons, not only recent cases.

Mechanisms for regular communication between investigative agencies and families, even when there are no significant developments.

Greater opportunities for historical witnesses to come forward safely and confidentially many years after an event.

Families of missing persons should not feel forgotten simply because time has passed. Every missing person deserves answers, and every family deserves to know that their loved one's case remains important.

After almost 42 years, our family continues to seek the truth about what happened to Megan. We remain hopeful that someone, somewhere, knows something that could help provide answers.

Thank you for considering my submission and for examining ways to improve outcomes for long-term missing persons and their families.

Amanda Rawlings

Cousin of Missing person Megan Mulquiney

"My Aunty Dorothy is now 80 years of age. For almost 42 years she has lived without knowing what happened to her daughter. It is my hope that this Inquiry helps ensure that families like ours are never forgotten and that long-term missing persons remain a priority, regardless of how much time has passed."

I have promised to never give up

No reward or anything which I have tried numerous times to be told there is no money