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Dear Caitlin

Thank you for your email.

I have sought instructions, and am instructed that there are no records held for the four spelling variations identified.

I am instructed that if there is any further information relating to this matter available, it may be held in the following archive boxes that were previously provided to the Inquiry (which relate to Strike Force Parrabell) if that investigative material or information was placed in an archive box associated with other SF Parrabell matters in error:

B/2003/17611

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Kind regards



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**Subject:** Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ Hate Crimes - Request for further searches re Peter Sheil

Dear Patrick

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to the summons issued to the Commissioner, NSW Police Force (NSWPF), on 18 May 2022 (summons NSWPF1). Summons NSWPF1 requested, *inter alia*, all NSWPF documents relating to the death of Peter Sheil in April 1983. I understand that, to date, NSWPF has been unable to locate any investigation files relating to Mr Sheil (although I note that the Bias Crimes Indicators Review Form for Mr Sheil was provided with the summons NSWPF3 material).

While reviewing material regarding Mr Sheil from the Coroners Court and other media sources, we have noticed that his last name is at times spelled with different variations, including, for example, "Shiel", "Sheils", "Shiels" and "Shell". From our review of the spreadsheet of searches provided by NSWPF, it appears that searches for investigation files relating to Mr Sheil have utilised the correct spelling of "Peter Sheil" and no other variations.

Could you kindly confirm if searches were also conducted for the variations of Mr Sheil's last name? If not, could NSWPF please conduct further searches for any investigation file for the following names: "Peter Shiel", "Peter Sheils", "Peter Shiels" and "Peter Shell"? We would be grateful to receive your response by **COB Friday, 16 September 2022**.

Thank you for your assistance and please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss.

Kind regards,

Caitlin



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