



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

Supplementary Statement of Caitlin Healey-Nash

12 September 2023

This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary to give to the Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes (**the Inquiry**) as a witness. This statement has been prepared from my own knowledge and also from perusing the records of the Inquiry. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

1. My name is Caitlin Clare Healey-Nash. My address is known to the Inquiry.
2. I am employed as a solicitor by the Inquiry.
3. In the course of my duties, I have reviewed and conducted inquiries in relation to the death of Peter Sheil, who died between 27 and 29 April 1983 at Gordons Bay in Clovelly, Sydney.
4. On 29 March 2023, I made a statement in relation to the inquiries into the death of Mr Sheil. This supplementary statement outlines the further results of investigative steps taken since my previous statement.

Material received from the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District

5. On 12 April 2023, the Inquiry issued a summons to the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District (**SESLHD**) for all records held in relation to Mr Sheil, including records held by the Prince of Wales Hospital and the former Prince Henry Hospital (summons SESLHD2).
6. On 19 April 2023, the SESLHD produced a five-page Chest Clinic file relating to Mr Sheil. Daniel Saunders, a Health Information Officer at the SESLHD, advised the Inquiry that this was the only file he was able to locate for Mr Sheil, despite a thorough search.
7. I reviewed the material within the Chest Clinic file, which related to an admission of Mr Sheil to the Prince of Wales Hospital in June 1981 with moderately severe asthma. I did not consider there to be any information in this material relevant to the Inquiry's consideration of Mr Sheil's death. Accordingly, no documents from the Chest Clinic file were added to the tender bundle for Mr Sheil's matter.
8. On 6 July 2023, I requested that the SESLHD conduct additional searches of their records in relation to the following names (all being misspellings of Mr Sheil's surname):
 - a. Peter Shiel;
 - b. Peter Sheils;
 - c. Peter Shiels; and

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- d. Peter Shell.
9. On 31 July 2023, Mr Saunders informed me that he had conducted these additional searches and found a further match for a “Peter Sheil” but with a different date of birth to Mr Sheil’s. Mr Saunders advised that he had taken a scan of the relevant card from the Prince Henry Hospital patient master index but that, unfortunately, the corresponding file was destroyed in 2011 per the General Disposal Authority 17. Mr Saunders noted that the card in question indicates a psychiatric admission for the patient but could not provide further details as to this admission without the file.

Inquiries into Patricia Campbell

10. On 1 August 2023, the Inquiry issued a summons to the NSW Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages (**BDM**) for any death certificate and/or search of death result for Patricia Marlene Campbell, who was the supervisor in charge of Mr Sheil’s residence at the time of his death. On 2 August 2023, BDM produced a death certificate for Ms Campbell, which indicated that she died in 2021.

Contact with Dr Christopher Rikard-Bell

11. On 3 August 2023, I wrote to Dr Christopher Rikard-Bell, who was a psychiatric registrar at Prince of Wales Hospital and provided a statement to the Coroner in 1983 regarding Mr Sheil’s treatment at the Prince of Wales and Prince Henry Hospitals.
12. I inquired as to whether Dr Rikard-Bell had any recollection of Mr Sheil, held any records relating to his treatment of Mr Sheil and/or had any other information about Mr Sheil which may assist the Inquiry in more fully understanding the circumstances surrounding Mr Sheil’s death.
13. I am informed by Alexandra Touw, a solicitor employed by the Inquiry, that on 4 September 2023, she spoke with Dr Rikard-Bell on the telephone. Dr Rikard-Bell informed Ms Touw that he has no recollection of treating Mr Sheil, and nor does he have any notes relating to him.

Signature:



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