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Dear Mr Kelly

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

I refer to your email requests dated 3 April 2016 in which you requested –  
*Could you please provide me with all emails and other communications to and from the Senior Sergeant of the Hawkes Bay SAR squad in regard to the unresolved Wills search?*

*The reason I am interested in all aspects of this case is because I have been gathering information to help me write a book about how things impinge on performance in SAR and what we can learn from this.*

I have considered your request in accordance with the Official Information Act 1982.

I have consulted Senior Sergeant Luke Shadbolt, Hawkes Bay Police, Search & Rescue about the requested information. Senior Sergeant Shadbolt advised me he completed a search of his email system for the requested information and he no longer holds any emails or other communication relating to the Wills search. All his email correspondence has been deleted following an Inquest Hearing and a recent upgrade of the Police email system.

Therefore your request is declined pursuant to section 18(e) the information does not exist or cannot be found.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request you have the right to complain to the Office of the Ombudsmen and seek an investigation and review of Police decision.

Yours sincerely

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