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Judge Sara Hinchey
Victorian State Coroner
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Dear Judge Hinchey

Response to the recommendation made in the findings of the Inquest into the death of

I refer to a letter received from the Coroner's Registrar dated 26 May 2016, enclosing a copy of the inquest findings including the recommendation made by the previous State Coroner Judge Gray in the above matter pursuant to the *Coroners Act 2008* (the Act).

The sole recommendation made in those findings was:

"Noting the Report of the Complex Adult Victim Sex Offender Management Review Panel, I recommend that the Victorian Government consider the establishment of a statutory scheme applicable to serious violent offenders (SVOs) analogous to the scheme that applies to serious sexual offenders (SSOs) under the Serious Sex Offenders (Detention and Supervision) Act 2009."

I advise that this recommendation is accepted in principle. The Victorian Government has accepted all 35 recommendations made by the Complex Adult Victim Sex Offender Management Review Panel in principle, and work is underway to implement them. This includes the expansion of the post-sentence scheme to include certain serious violent offenders and the development of a new governance model to oversee the scheme. The Victorian Government also committed \$84 million as part of the 2016/17 Budget to respond directly to the report as the first stage of implementation.

Yours sincerely

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