



## VICTORIA POLICE

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Judge Paresa Antoniadis Spanos  
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Dear Judge Spanos,

Subject: Miroslaw Dzikowski  
Case No: 2013/001010  
Date of Rec: 7 December 2016

This document provides the response to the recommendation arising from the Investigation into the death, without Inquest, of Miroslaw Dzikowski who died on at Log Cabin Caravan Park, Langwarrin, at some time between his disappearance on 30 January 2013 and the day he was found, 9 May 2013, most likely during the last two weeks of that period.

### **Recommendations:**

*"1. That the Chief Commissioner of Police consider revision Form L18A, and in particular, the Risk Factor guide that appears in Part 2, so that:*

*(a) Risk indicators include the missing person's status under mental health legislation; and  
(b) The instructions provide clear guidance for nominal and supervising members assessing the identified risks, especially by resolving the apparent inconsistency between the mandatory instructions applicable to risk indicators 1 to 8 and the general instruction that weighting of risk factors 'will depend on the circumstances of each case';*

*2. That the Chief Commissioner of Police consider introducing a process and policy through which risk assessments are reviewed by a supervising officer at specified intervals to account for the likelihood that a missing person's risk of harm is not static over time and which monitors compliance with this process."*

Victoria Police supports the recommendations and advises that they are under consideration.

Victoria Police will consider revision of the Form L18A. As the form is now managed by the LEAP Electronic Data Recorder, consultation will take place with external stakeholders with the view to reviewing and amending the form having regard to the recommendation. Since the death of Mr Dziczkowski and prior to the Findings, Victoria Police undertook an unrelated review of and update to the Victoria Police Policy regarding Missing Person Investigations. There is now greater oversight of active missing person investigations including an advanced notification to the Criminal Investigation Unit at 7 days and the requirement for an update of risk assessment and categorisation after 7 days.

Whilst Victoria Police believes these amendments have gone some way in addressing the second recommendation, I advise that as part of a broader Victoria Police Manual Review Project the Missing Person Investigations Policy will be comprehensively reviewed in consultation with Missing Persons Squad. This review is scheduled to occur within the next six months.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham Ashton', written in a cursive style.

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