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Dear Judge Hinchey

Subject: Katie Louise Broadbent
Case No: COR 2014 000551
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Victoria Police response to recommendations arising from the Inquest into the death of Katie Louise Broadbent

This document provides the Victoria Police response to the State Coroner's recommendation directed at the Chief Commissioner of Police (recommendation 1) and the recommendation directed at local council in consultation with Victoria Police (recommendation 2), arising from the Inquest into the death of Katie Louise Broadbent, at Rochester on 26 January 2014. Several actions have already been taken by various areas within Victoria Police to improve event planning and safety consistent with the recommendations made.

RECOMMENDATION 1

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, I make the following recommendation(s) connected with the death: I recommend that the Planning Guide for Entertainment Events be reviewed and adopted by Victoria Police more broadly in order to improve the liaison between festival organisers and police, as well as other emergency service providers.

(1) PLANNING GUIDE FOR ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS

The Coroner's recommendation that Victoria Police review and adopt the Planning Guide for Entertainment Events more broadly has been implemented. To date the following has occurred:

- The Planning Guide for Entertainment Events is currently available to all members on the intranet and has been placed on the State Event Planning Unit (SEPU) intranet webpage.
- The Victoria Police Manual (VPM), Police Attendance at Events, has been amended to include the considerations to be undertaken by Local Area Commanders (LAC'S) and/or Event Police Commanders when attending events and includes event organiser's responsibilities and assessment of associated

risks. LAC'S are to conduct a 14 point risk assessment when considering attending events.

In addition the following have been recommended and supported for implementation:

- The Planning Guide for Entertainment Events be reviewed bi-annually.
- A global email be sent to all staff to communicate the guides availability.
- The VPM Police Attendance at Events be amended to include reference to the Planning Guide for Entertainment Events.
- Emergency Management Victoria lead a review of the (2004) Event Planning Guide previously compiled by DHS with contributions from all emergency management stakeholders.

RECOMMENDATION 2

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, I make the following recommendation(s) connected with the death: I recommend that local councils be required to consult with Victoria Police upon receipt of a Place of Public Entertainment occupancy permit application.

(2) LOCAL COUNCIL CONSULTATION WITH VICTORIA POLICE

The Coroner's recommendations that local councils be required to consult with Victoria Police upon receipt of a Place of Public Entertainment (POPE) occupancy permit application is supported by Victoria Police who look forward to this consultation. To date Victoria Police has undertaken the following:

- (a) SEPU Managers have engaged with THC Consulting who work with several councils in the development of their event planning guides and provide training to council event staff and private event planners who apply for events via council.
- (b) Victoria Police is currently attending council presentations made to local event organisers and emphasising the need for early consultation with police particularly as it relates to emergency management, alcohol policy, security measures and risk mitigation for events including event safety and traffic management.
- (c) SEPU managers have briefed Local Government Event Planners Network regarding the role of policing relevant to events, highlighting the importance of stakeholder engagement, particularly emergency management stakeholders, at the earliest possible time.
- (d) SEPU and key regional staff have presented at several council event planning forums with up to 150 attendees.
- (e) Several regional LAC's have engaged with Department of Environment Land Water and Planning regional managers to address 'pop up' dance parties/festivals being held in state parks.

Yours sincerely



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