## IN THE CORONERS COURT OF VICTORIA AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference: 1622/11

# FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Form 37 Rule 60(1) Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

## Imquest into the Death of DANIEL MICHAEL HOURIGAN

Delivered On:

15 February 2012

Delivered At:

Coroners Court of Victoria

Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street

Melbourne, Victoria 3000

Hearing Dates:

15 February 2012

Findings of:

JANE HENDTLASS

Representation:

Sgt David Dimsey assisting the Coroner

I, JANE HENDTLASS, Coroner having investigated the death of DANIEL HOURIGAN AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 15 February, 2012 at Melbourne find that the identity of the deceased was DANIEL MICHAEL HOURIGAN and the death occurred on 7 May 2011 at Broadmeadows Health Service Palliative Care Unit from:

#### 1a. METASTATIC RENAL CELL CARCINOMA

#### in the following circumstances:

- 1. Daniel Michael Hourigan was 72 years old when he died. He lived in Department of Human Services accommodation at 30 Bicknell Court in Broadmeadows.
- 2. Mr Hourigan's medical history included intellectual disability caused by congenital rubella and renal cell carcinoma, which was diagnosed in 2009. This had metastasised to his brain, bone, lungs and adrenal glands.
- 3. On 29 April 2011, Mr Hourigan was admitted to palliative care at Broadmeadows Health Service.
- 4. On 7 May 2011, Daniel Hourigan died.
- 5. The forensic pathologist who inspected the body, medical records and the post mortem CT scans formed the opinion that a reasonable cause of death in the circumstances could be expressed as metastatic renal cell carcinoma.
- 6. Accordingly, I find that Daniel Hourigan died from metastatic renal cell carcinoma.

Signature:

JANE HENDTLASS

CORONER

17 February 2012