

FORM 37

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Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 4316/10

Inquest into the Death of JAMES LAWRENCE WILLIAMS

Delivered On: 24 May 2011
Delivered At: Melbourne
Hearing Dates: 24 May 2011
Findings of: Coroner Hendtlass
Representation: S/Constable Kelly Ramsay
Place of death: St Vincent's Hospital

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne

I, Jane Hendtlass, Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname: WILLIAMS
First name: JAMES
Address: 6 Canopy Avenue, Kew

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on JAMES WILLIAMS at Melbourne find that the identity of the deceased was JAMES LAWRENCE WILLIAMS and death occurred on 9th November, 2010

at St Vincent's Hospital

from

Extensive Liver Tumour-Primary Site Not Identified.

in the following circumstances:

1. James Williams was 62 years old when he died. He lived in supported accommodation at 6 Canopy Avenue in Kew.
2. Mr Williams suffered from an intellectual disability. His medical history included asthma, scoliosis, melanoma and basal cell carcinoma. His general practitioner was Dr Peter Wexler.
3. On 27 October 2010, Mr Williams consulted Dr Wexler complaining of a tiredness, recent loss of appetite and fever. Dr Wexler ordered a chest x-ray and blood tests and consulted with St Vincents Hospital.

4. On 30 October 2010, Dr Wexler differentially diagnosed hepatitis and referred Mr Williams to the Emergency Department at St Vincents Hospital.

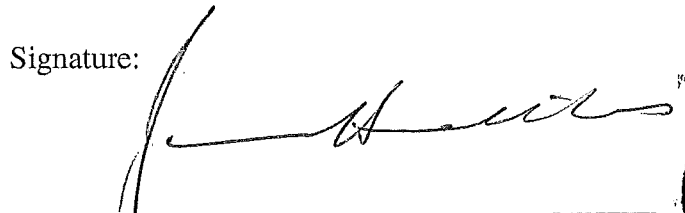
5. On 30 October 2010, Mr Williams presented at St Vincents Hospital. He was admitted with a provisional diagnosis of biliary tract disease. However, following a CT angiogram, Mr Williams was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer and active treatment was withdrawn.

6. At 12.45pm on 9 November 2010, James Williams died.

7. The forensic pathologist who performed the autopsy formed the opinion that the cause of death was extensive liver tumour. He was unable to find a clear primary site.

8. Accordingly, I find that James Williams died from extensive liver tumour.

Signature:



24 May 2011

