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His Honour Judge Ian Gray
State Coroner
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTH MELBOURNE VIC 3006

Dear Judge Gray

Response to the coronial recommendation arising from the inquest into the death of Mr Colin Johnson

On 27 March 2015, the findings were handed down following the inquest into the death of Mr Colin Johnson on 6 May 2011, at the Alfred Hospital, following an incident at Fulham Correctional Centre on 23 April 2011. The inquest determined that Mr Johnson's death occurred because of 'complications arising from blunt force trauma to the head'.

The findings included one recommendation 'that Corrections Victoria install and operate CCTV cameras in the areas identified as day room one and day room two of the Yeerung Unit of the Fulham Correctional Centre.'

The Department of Justice & Regulation accepts the coronial recommendation. CCTV in Yeerung Unit will be installed as part of a broader CCTV upgrade at Fulham, which is expected to be finalised by the end of 2016.

The introduction of CCTV cameras in Yeerung Unit will complement the dynamic security in place within the unit, such as regular patrols and interactions with prisoners, and the local procedural enhancements made in response to the incident that led to Mr Johnson's death.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary