

# The Victorian Surgical Consultative Council

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Ms Kate Doherty  
Coroner's Registrar  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

## **CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Ms Doherty,

**Court reference: COR2009003886**

Thank you for your letter of 13 February regarding Coroner John Olles' findings and recommendations to the Victorian Surgical Consultative Council, following the investigation into the death of Mary Mulqueen.

Consistent with Section 72 of the Coroners Act 2008, please find attached the Victorian Surgical Consultative Council's response.

Yours sincerely



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## **Victorian Surgical Consultative Council response to the Victorian Coroner's recommendations regarding the investigation into the death of Mary Mulqueen**

The death of a relative causes much sadness and pain for family and friends and the Victorian Surgical Consultative Council thanks the Coroner for the following recommendation.

The Coroner's report into the death of Mary Mulqueen states the following recommendation for the Victorian Surgical Consultative Council.

### **Recommendation**

That the Victorian Surgical Consultative Council educate Surgical Registrars and Surgeons on the importance of checking anatomical landmarks throughout and during the final stage of a Roux-en-Y procedure.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Victorian Surgical Consultative Council (the Council), notes and endorses the above recommendation. The issue will be raised with the Council at its next meeting. Information will be widely publicised to relevant clinical stakeholders through the Council's regular channels for dissemination of educational material, including reports, seminars and news bulletins. Reports and news bulletins from the Council are available on the internet at [www.health.vic.gov.au/vscc](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/vscc).

For further information please contact Adelinda Botham, the Council Secretariat at the Department of Health and Human Services, on 9096 2701.