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**Subject:** McMillan, Craig  
**Case Number:** COR 2013 001891  
**Date of Recommendations:** 23 April 2015

Mr Phillip Byrne


I write in response to recommendation 1 arising from your findings in the inquest into the death of Craig McMillan.

**Recommendation:** When, as a last resort, Victoria Police have the onerous responsibility of transporting a mental health patient to hospital under circumstances such as those seen here, then the police officer who makes the decision to transport, prior to endorsing that decision, proactively enquire of family members, and others present, whether the person about to be transported has any medical conditions which may potentially compromise the patients wellbeing.

**Response:** This recommendation will be implemented.

Amendments to the Victoria Police Manual have been drafted based on the Coroners' recommendation. During the drafting process, the Prisoner Management Unit, the Chief Custodial Health Officer and operational members were consulted. The amended guidelines will be published in the Victoria Police Manual upon final approval.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr Phillip Byrne

I write in response to recommendation 2 arising from your findings in the inquest into the death of Craig McMillan.

**Recommendation:** Adopting an observation of Doctor Dodd, professionals (Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria and CAT Teams under the umbrella of the Department of Health and Human Services) dealing with patients suffering a mental health episode who are, or are about to be restrained, be provided with a special warning, by way of practice direction, of the increased risk of death the condition poses.

**Response:** This recommendation will be implemented.

A communications strategy will be published to raise awareness of the issues highlighted by Doctor Dodd. This will accompany publication of the amendments to the Victoria Police Manual following on from recommendation 1 of the same inquest.

Yours sincerely,

  
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