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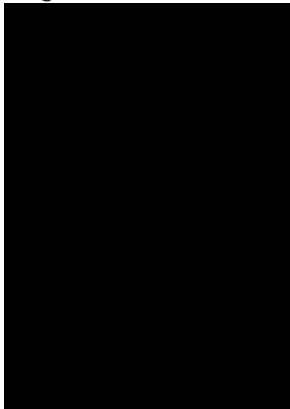
Audrey Jamieson
Coroner
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006



Dear Coroner Jamieson

Coronial Investigation Report - Casey and Cardinia Suicide Cluster

Following the deaths of



The City of Casey acknowledges the Coronial Investigation Report and supports the recommendations in full. We are committed to working with lead agencies to develop a suicide and post-vention response framework that can support communities across Victoria.

The City of Casey has led an all agency approach to enhance the community's capacity to respond to youth mental health issues in response to increased incidence of serious self-harm and suicide among Casey's youth. We have been working with lead agencies including Victoria Police, Monash Health, Ambulance Victoria, headspace and Department of Health and Human Services.

Council formed the Casey Youth Suicide Steering Committee (YSSC) in January 2012 which has critical agencies actively involved. This coordinated effort is motivated to make long lasting change to ensure the best possible care and outcomes for Casey's young people. It is focused on developing a strategic and coordinated regional response that will continue educating and supporting young people into the future in the area of suicide prevention.

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Following the release of the report and in response to the recommendations, meetings have occurred with the City of Casey, Department of Health and Human Services, Municipal Association of Victoria and the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist. The purpose of these meetings are to action the recommendations in full.

The City of Casey would like to acknowledge the work and support of the Coroners Prevention Unit. As you are aware relevant agencies collaborated and provided national media briefing to ensure safe media reporting and utilise the opportunity to provide a suicide prevention message in a national context. This briefing showcased what positive collaboration can achieve. All 11 agencies coordinated media releases and supported our community to ensure we remain in a recovery phase. Feedback received was this was a positive experience for all involved and provided further partnerships that will continue into the future.

The City of Casey acknowledges the collaboration with the partners on the steering committee and thanks them for their leadership and commitment to the young people and the broader community. The City of Casey has demonstrated a commitment to leading the community discussion on youth mental health and will continue this work into the future

Yours faithfully



Cr Mick Morland
Mayor



Colette McMahon

Manager Youth and Family Services

Chair: Casey Youth Suicide Steering Committee