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Coroner Ian Watkins  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Coroner Watkins,

Please find attached Parks Victoria's response to the Coroner's comment,

**Court Reference : COR 2008 1504 - Inquest into the death of Waseem Akram, and  
Court Reference : COR 2008 1386 - Inquest into the death of Umir Habib.**

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact Dennis Ward on 8627 4627.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr Bill Jackson".

Dr Bill Jackson  
Chief Executive

Parks Victoria provides the following response to Coroner's recommendations

**Court Reference : COR 2008 1504 - Inquest into the death of Waseem Akram, and**

**Court Reference : COR 2008 1386 - Inquest into the death of Umir Habib.**

**Coroner's Recommendations:**

For each of these inquests, the Coroner made the same recommendation.

*"Pursuant to Section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008, I make the following recommendations connected with the death :*

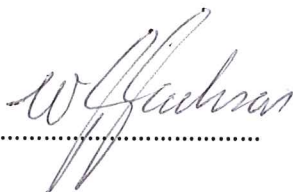
- 1. The investigating Member from Victoria Police has expressed an opinion as a minimum, appropriate water safety warning signs should be erected at all major beach car parks and at all designated lookout points around the coastline of Phillip Island. I accept his opinion and make that recommendation. In particular, it would seem that there is a need to provide information to international visitors regarding water safety at dangerous points and popular tourist attractions around the island.*

**Parks Victoria's response:**

Parks Victoria notes the recommendation from the Coroner.

While Parks Victoria does not manage any land at Phillip Island, nonetheless Parks Victoria supports the Coroner's approach.

Parks Victoria has a comprehensive Signage Manual which provides guidance on the installation and wording of signs on land that it manages, including signage for risk management and visitor safety. Parks Victoria is continually reviewing its signage practices to guide all staff.



Dr Bill Jackson

Chief Executive

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