

IN THE CORONERS COURT
OF VICTORIA
AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference: 1652 / 2011

FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Form 37 Rule 60(1)

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Inquest into the Death of: ROBERT STRADLING

Delivered On: 7 May 2012

Delivered At: Coroners Court of Victoria
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street
Melbourne 3000

Hearing Dates: 7 May 2012

Findings of: JOHN OLLE, CORONER

Police Coronial Support Unit Sergeant Tracy Weir

I, JOHN OLLE, Coroner having investigated the death of ROBERT STRADLING

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 7 May 2012

at MELBOURNE

find that the identity of the deceased was ROBERT STRADLING

born on 23 March 1949

and the death occurred on 9 May 2011

at St Augustines Ward, St Vincent's Hospital, 41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy, Victoria 3065

from:

1a. METASTATIC NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER

in the following circumstances:

1. Robert Stradling was aged 62 years at the time of his death. He was a prisoner at Port Phillip Prison.
2. The coronial brief has fully addressed the circumstances of death.¹
3. Robert Stradling was sentenced on 30 October 2006. He had significant health issues and spent the majority of his sentence in and out of hospital.
4. On 25 February 2011 Mr Stradling was transferred to St John's Hospital ward following which he was transferred on 29 March 2011 to St Augustine security ward at St Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne. He remained in poor health.
5. In early April 2011, Mr Stradling was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer. He was transferred to St Augustine's Ward² where he remained until his death on 9 May 2011.

¹ The coronial brief will remain on the court file.

² St Vincents Hospital

Post Mortem Medical Examination

6. Dr Paul Bedford, Forensic Pathologist at the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, examined the body of Robert Stradling.
7. In addition, Dr Bedford noted the medical history and the results of the post mortem CT scan performed at the mortuary:

*"Confirms the presence of cerebral metastases and several nodes in the mediastinum as well as nodules in the left lung. No intracerebral haemorrhage is identified."*³

7. Dr Bedford found the cause of death to be metastatic non-small cell lung cancer.
8. Dr Bedford commented:

*"There is well documented evidence of spreading cancer from the lung, including spread to the brain."*⁴

Finding

I find the cause of death of Robert Stradling to be metastatic non-small cell lung cancer.

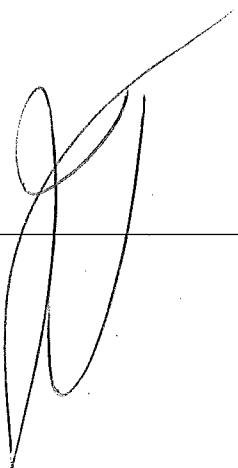
I direct that a copy of this finding be provided to the following:

Senior Next of Kin

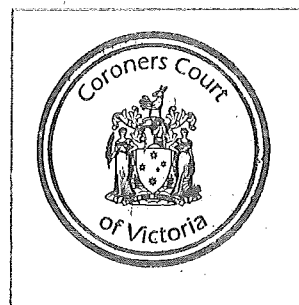
Constable Nick Ferguson, Richmond Police Station, Investigating Member

Office of Correctional Services

Signature:



JOHN OLLE
CORONER
7 May 2012



³ Post Mortem report

⁴ Comments section Post Mortem report