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Dear Judge Gray,

**Subject:** Youth Suicides 2009

**Case Number:** COR 2009 001426, COR 2009 003966, COR 2009 004922,  
COR 2009 001767, COR 2009 003500

**Date of Recommendations:** 28/11/2014

I write in response to recommendation 9 arising from your findings in the inquest into the youth suicides in Geelong in 2009.

**Recommendation:** I therefore recommend that the Department of Health together with Victoria Police, the Municipal Association of Victoria, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and the Chief Psychiatrist undertake a review of these reports and develop a policy framework that aligns, where appropriate, with the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

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

Preventing suicide is complex and challenging for everyone within Victoria Police, across government and community. As identified, police have a dynamic role to play and have demonstrated their capacity to efficiently and effectively support community efforts in the development of three youth suicide cluster prevention communication protocols.

Several gaps have been identified both within Victoria Police and externally across government and community in gathering timely intelligence on not only youth suicides but also the early warning indicators or precursors of individuals who are presenting with risky behaviours. This recommendation has been forwarded to the Priority Communities Division to address.

Yours sincerely,

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