

20 August 2015



Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Registrar

COR 2014 2990: INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF JACK THOMAS IRVING

1. I refer to the findings concerning the unfortunate death of Jack Thomas Irving given by Coroner John Olle on 29 May 2015 (**the Findings**).

2. The Findings contained the following recommendations (collectively the **Recommendations**):

"19. That the Metro Trains Melbourne General Manager Fleet implement a system to manage authorised access through 'smart' keys and locks yet to be fitted to railway infrastructure and rolling stock. I am informed that the 'smart' key is equipped with a microchip that requires regular re-validation to ensure access security is maintained for authorised personnel only. I recommend that this proposal be entered as an action item in the MTM safety incident management system so that its progress may be followed to completion.

20. That the MTM General Manager Fleet consider the feasibility of installing a system that detects the status of Comeng train cab doors and transmits that status to a Train Driver at the driving end. This should include detection of internal and external doors of all non-driving motor carriages as well as the semi-permanent recording of that status in VICERS while the train is active."

3. MTM responds to the Recommendations as follows:

a. In relation to Recommendation 19, I confirm that the proposal has been entered as an action in the MTM safety incident management system so that its progress may be followed to completion.

b. In relation to Recommendation 20, the MTM General Manager Fleet has considered this recommendation and notified that it is not feasible to modify Comeng type trains as described. MTM is considering alternative designs for more secure locking arrangements in Comeng type trains. Any alternative design will be subject to funding and approval by Public Transport Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

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