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Your Ref: [REDACTED] Court Ref: COR 2019 6861

2 February 2021

To: Ms Hayley Chandler
Solicitor
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh St,
Southbank VIC 3006

Dear Ma'am,

Re: Death of [REDACTED] – Court Ref: COR 2019 6861

and

**Re: Coronial Inquiries into deaths of Ms WX; Ms TP; Ms YN; and Ms MH,
Concluded by Coroner Jamieson:**

Surname:	Given Name:	DOB:	Date of Death:	Court Ref:
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	COR2018 1248
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	COR2018 1270
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	COR2018 2583
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	COR2018 4780

Please find enclosed the following documents:

1. Copy of your letter dated 13th February 2020;
2. Letter from Chris Howse to the Secretary Kim Peake [DHHS];
3. Letter from Secretary Kim Peake to Chris Howse dated 16 January 2020;
4. Letter from Chris Howse and others to Secretary Wallace [DHHS];
5. Letter from Secretary Wallace to Chris Howse dated 21 December 2020;
6. Letter from Chris Howse to Secretary Wallace dated 26th January 2021.

I note that Whittlesea Community Legal Service, representing WCC Inc., liaised at length with Coroner Jamieson in relation to the matters of **Ms WX; Ms TP; Ms YN;** and **Ms MH** above, findings of which were handed down by Coroner Jamieson in September 2020. Among the recommendations made by Her Honour, was a recommendation that: -

With the aim of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services review current services that support the health and wellbeing of South Asian women

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in the City of Whittlesea, and consult with relevant service providers and other stakeholders, to identify opportunities to improve South Asian women's access to and engagement with such services.

With a view to seeking confirmation that the Secretary would consult with our group, which has been working upon these issues, the 'Crossroads Group', there was an exchange of correspondence between Secretary Peake and myself, and subsequently Secretary Wallace and myself, culminating in a letter from Secretary Wallace, giving his imprimatur on a consultation with us. As a result, I am satisfied that Secretary Wallace has complied with the letter and the spirit of Her Honour's recommendation.

I would be grateful if you would file this letter together with the enclosed correspondence to stand as a record of our view that the Secretary's efforts have been satisfactory in this regard.

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I refer to previous correspondence with you regarding the matter of the Death of [REDACTED], presently overseen by Coroner Olle.

I confirm your previous advice of Coroner Olle's direction that The **Investigation into the death of [REDACTED]** is effectively on hold until Coroner Jamieson has completed Her Honour's Findings.

I write to advise that in light of the recommendations previously made by Coroner Jamieson in the matters of **Ms WX; Ms TP; Ms YN; and Ms MH**, this service will make no further application with respect to the matter of [REDACTED], save to submit formally that His Honour Coroner Olle may see it appropriate to endorse Coroner Jamieson's recommendations.

Should you have any query regarding the matters raised in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Howse
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Whittlesea Community Legal Service

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