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Coroner Darren J. Bracken
Coroners Court of Victoria

Via email to: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Coroner Bracken

Thank you for your letter regarding your findings, and related recommendations, on the death of Sharni Dee Connolly.

I was saddened to learn of Sharni's death and I extend my condolences to her family and friends.

Regarding your recommendation to me that the Department of Health consider the inclusion of pregabalin in SafeScript, I have asked that this be reviewed. As you may be aware, my Department is currently reviewing the case for including tramadol and gabapentin in SafeScript. Pregabalin will now be added to that review.

Once I have received further advice, informed by the reviews, I look forward to sharing an outcome with the Court.

Should you or your office wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Stefan Tulloch, Acting Chief Officer, Medicines and Poisons Regulation at the Department of Health on 0431 245 803 or Stefan.tulloch@health.vic.gov.au.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary

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