

20 December 2021

Coroners' Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria

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

Dear Coroner Gebert

Re: Investigation into the death of [REDACTED] (Court ref COR 2017 003180)

I am writing to provide an update to you regarding the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) response to your recommendation in the investigation into the death of [REDACTED] and letter dated 1 March 2021.

The RANZCP's correspondence of 1 June 2021, advised that we would be undertaking consultation regarding the second recommendation in paragraph 67 of the coronial findings and provide an update at the end of 2021.

I can confirm that the RANZCP has formed a Firearms Working Group, to consider the issues regarding firearms and ownership in relation to individuals with a history of mental illness and suicidality. The Working Group is chaired by the Bi-national Faculty of Forensic Psychiatry Chair, and includes members with skills, knowledge and expertise to inform the RANZCP Board on the important considerations regarding firearm ownership.

The RANZCP will provide updates to you during 2022 as the Working Group progresses its advice to Board. To discuss any aspect of this letter or the RANZCP processes for the progress of the recommendation, please contact Rosie Forster, Executive Manager, Practice, Policy and Partnerships Department via Rosie.Forster@ranzcp.org or by phone on (03) 9601 4943.

Yours sincerely



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