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5 July 2022

His Honour Coroner Bracken  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh St  
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

**By email only:** [team11@courts.vic.gov.au](mailto:team11@courts.vic.gov.au)

Dear Coroner Bracken

**Notice that assessment of the matter has been completed**

Thank you for referring your findings in relation to the death of Mary Hawkey, and the care provided by Dr Mark Robson.

Pursuant to the requirements of the *Coroners Act 2008*, I can confirm that our assessment of the matter is now complete. Under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law)* we have decided that further action is not necessary at this time, and the matter has been closed.

**Reasons for taking no further action**

1. Having considered the concerns raised, we then assessed the risk that the practitioner posed in the future by considering:
  - a. information about where and how the practitioner practises
  - b. historical information about the practitioner; and
  - c. the practitioner's response to the concerns raised.
2. We took into account the steps taken by the practitioner that could ensure safe, professional practice into the future. These steps include:
  - a. Attending a peer-to-peer discussion with Ahpra on 16 June 2022, where the requirements for obtaining a permit for Schedule 8 medications were discussed, as well as reflections on the concerns raised in this matter, to support and strengthen his clinical practice in future.
  - b. Committing to changing his practice if he were to return to clinical practice, particularly in relation to updating his clinical software systems to include an alert for the prescribing of Schedule 8 medications.
3. The steps taken appear to respond to the concerns identified, we have decided not to take any regulatory action in relation to the practitioner at this time.

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National Boards  
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Braybrook', is positioned above the printed name.

**Mark Braybrook**

National Manager

Notifications – Intake and Assessment

**Reference number:** 00500821

**Legislation:** The decision to take no further action was made by the National Board under section s151(1)(f) of the National Law.