

8 November 2022

His Honour Coroner Bracken  
Coroners Court of Victoria

By email to: [Team11@courts.vic.gov.au](mailto:Team11@courts.vic.gov.au)

Dear His Honour Coroner Bracken

**Re: Investigation into the death of Dane Simpson (Court Ref: COR 2019 003390)**

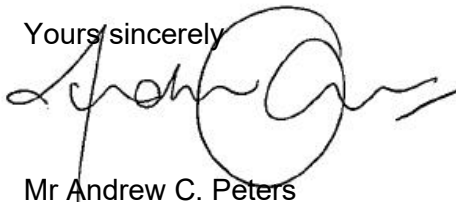
On behalf of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) Victorian Branch, I thank you for your correspondence in relation to your findings on the Dane Simpson and the recommendations made for the RANZCP dated 19 July 2022. I wish to express my condolences to Mr Simpson's family and friends for their loss.

The RANZCP is considering the third recommendation of the Coronial findings: consider reviewing advice to their members in relation to treating those with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and to reiterating the utility of gathering collateral information from families and involving family members in treatment, in particular where obsessive thinking and compulsive behaviour may carry the risk of self-harm.

As a membership organisation we are undertaking consultation on this recommendation with committees including the Victorian Branch Committee and the Faculty of Psychotherapy Committee. This process is similar to that the the RANZCP undertakes in the development of other professional practice guidance documents and may take around 12 months to complete. An update can be provided in March 2022.

To discuss the consideration of the recommendation further, please contact Nicola Wright, Executive Manager, Policy, Practice and Research Department via [Nicola.Wright@ranzcp.org](mailto:Nicola.Wright@ranzcp.org) or by phone on (03) 9236 9103.

Yours sincerely



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