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**Subject:** Gabriel Messo -  
Finding into death with inquest  
**Court Reference:** COR 2020 003809  
**Date of Recommendations:** 1 December 2022

Dear Judge Cain

This document provides the response to your recommendation to Victoria Police arising from the Finding into the death of Gabriel Messo, delivered on 1 December 2022 (**the Finding**).

### **Recommendation**

At paragraph 356 of the Findings, you made the following recommendation:

*I recommend that the Chief Commissioner of Police reviews the feasibility of acquiring technology facilitating the automatic activation of members' Body Worn Camera upon a police issued firearm being withdrawn from its holster (for example the Axon Signal – Sidearm technology).*

This recommendation is under consideration.

Victoria Police is investigating the feasibility of acquiring and implementing technology to automatically activate Body Worn Cameras (**BWCs**) when a firearm is withdrawn from its holster, which would enable this recommendation to be acquitted.

### **Other action taken by Victoria Police**

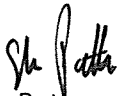
As you correctly highlighted at paragraph 342 of the Findings, the Chief Commissioner of Police's *Instruction CCI 06/19 – Body Worn Camera Deployment* was superseded on 10 December 2020 by the *Victoria Police Manual Body Worn Cameras* (the **Manual**).

The Manual now states that 'a member wearing a BWC **must** start a recording when exercising a legislated or common law power ... or to capture an incident occurring, likely to occur or which has occurred.'

**Further matters**

Victoria Police thanks you for your recommendation and will endeavour to address the issues identified in your Finding.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Commissioner**

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