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Dear Ms Sanderson,

I refer to your correspondence regarding the findings delivered by the Victorian State Coroner, Judge John Cain on 27 October 2022 of the inquest into the death of Ms Elizabeth Wilms.

The Victorian State Coroner made the following recommendation to the NSW Police Force:

That New South Wales Police Force and Victoria Police independently and collaboratively review and if necessary amend any police, guidelines or processes relating to the management of warrants (including interstate warrants) to ensure that they are executed in a timely manner.

I can advise that the NSW Police Force is continuing to improve the processes around the execution of warrants to ensure the constant oversight and ongoing reporting of warrant taskings. Further work is also being undertaken to improve the management of outstanding warrants for Court Notices to enhance the Court Notice Management System (CNMS) by adding a warrant creation date on the 'Warrant Details' page to ensure the date is visible to Police.

An Intelligence Practice Note has also been finalised and circulated state-wide to ensure constant oversight of arrest warrant taskings allocated to Police Area Commands by a senior officer with ongoing reporting to the portfolio holder at each Command.

In addition, a complete review of the Command Management Framework (CMF) has been undertaken with additional proposed amendments to the CMR checklist to ensure that all aspects of the "5 Neighbour Policy" Guidelines and agency checks are adhered to across the NSW Police Force.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Karen Webb APM
Commissioner of Police

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