

04 August 2023

Coroner Jamieson
Coroners Court of Victoria

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

Dear Coroner Jamieson

Re: Investigation into the deaths of Katica Perinovic, Matthew Perinovic, Claire Perinovic and Anna Perinovic. (Court Ref: COR 2021 000287)

On behalf of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), we acknowledge your correspondence regarding an update to the RANZCP response to the Coroner's findings on the deaths of Katica Perinovic, Matthew Perinovic, Claire Perinovic and Anna Perinovic, and the recommendations made for the RANZCP dated 15 November 2022. We offer our condolences to the family, friends, and community affected by the loss.

The RANZCP notes the Coroner's recommendation and advises that this is under consideration: *With the aim of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists review and update the Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Schizophrenia and Related Disorders to improve best practice in clinical care provided to patients diagnosed with First Episode Psychosis in community mental health practices.*

As stated in our previous letter dated 12 December 2022, the RANZCP has established a Future Development of Clinical Practice Guidelines Steering Group and has recently provided a report of recommendations to the RANZCP Board.

The RANZCP's Committee for Evidence Based Practice will be overseeing the implementation of the recommendations of the Review. The Committee has reviewed the Coroner's recommendation and will take the recommendation into account during this review.

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

Yours sincerely



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