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Dear Melissa

**Investigation into the death of Swee Chuan Ho, COR 2019 0762**

We write in response to Coroner Audrey Jamieson's Finding into Death without Inquest (**Finding**), dated 28 September 2020. Apologies for the delayed response.

In this Finding, the Coroner recommended, at Recommendation 2:

*With the aim of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that Mornington Peninsula Shire Council work with Life Saving Victoria, the Victorian Fisheries Authority and any other relevant bodies to provide messaging about the risk of drowning whilst abalone fishing, and to promote safe practices for abalone fishing, in the Mornington Peninsula Local Government Area.*

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council (**Council**) has considered its response and decided to accept the recommendation in full. The recommendation is currently being implemented.

We note that Council does not have a substantive role with respect to regulation and communication of safe practices for fishing, including abalone fishing. Council does however collaborate with the Victorian Fisheries Authority (**VFA**) at times.

To assist in providing messaging about the risk of drowning whilst abalone fishing, and to promote safe practices for abalone fishing, Council is committed to engaging with the VFA on its recreational fishing materials. Council has now published links to VFA material regarding recreational fishing safety, including rock fishing safety - [Fishing safety - Mornington Peninsula Shire \(mornpen.vic.gov.au\)](https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/fishing-safety).

If you have any questions relating to this matter please contact Laura Crilly, Team Leader – Water and Coasts [REDACTED]

Kind regards



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