



14 August 2024

Coroner Catherine Fitzgerald
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street,
SOUTHBANK, VIC 3006

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Dear Coroner Catherine Fitzgerald,

COR 2021 007031 Finding into the death of Ryleigh James Pallot

I refer to your Finding dated 17 June 2024 in relation to the death of Ryleigh James Pallot.

I was saddened to hear of the death of Mr Pallot and I convey my sincerest condolences to Mr Pallot's family and loved ones.

I note that you have made the following recommendation to the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008*:

That the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), Parks Victoria and GORCPA consider developing and implementing a state-wide rockfall and landslide assessment and management policy, which includes consideration of implementing risk mitigation commensurate with the level of risk.

Response to recommendation

Your recommendation will be implemented. The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) will assist DEECA, where appropriate, to develop a state-wide rockfall and landslide assessment and management policy. As DEECA are responsible for developing and implementing state-wide policies, the Authority will ensure that it provides input into any draft policy prepared by DEECA, if given the opportunity to do so. In addition, the Authority will ensure that it takes necessary measures to implement the requirements of the state-wide policy on our managed land, once in effect.

I hope that this provides reassurance that the coronial recommendation will be addressed as soon as practicable. Should you have any questions in relation to this response, please contact our office on 1300 736 533 or by email at info@greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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