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Dear Ms Bryant

### **Investigation into the death of XY (COR 2021 3810)**

Thank you for your letter dated 19 June 2024 attaching Coroner McGregor's findings into the death of XY. The 16 recommendations directed to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the department) are inclusive of four recommendations made jointly with the Department of Health (DH) and one recommendation jointly with the Attorney General in accordance with section 72(3) of the *Coroners Act 2008*.

The department is committed to advancing and strengthening Aboriginal self-determination and self-management through both the Treaty and formal Truth-telling process via the Yoorrook Justice Commission. The department continues to work in partnership with Aboriginal communities to strengthen Aboriginal leadership and advance Aboriginal self-determination through systemic and structural transformation.

The department supports in-principle the XY recommendations made by Coroner McGregor and agrees that they highlight important areas of improvement. The recommendations from XY are intrinsically intertwined with recommendations made by the Yoorrook Justice Commission in its *Yoorrook for Justice* report. The department will consider the XY recommendations within the context of the ongoing work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission.

The response for the recommendations in the matter of XY requires significant consultation and collaboration within the department, DH, the Attorney General and non-government bodies, for an informed response consistent with the intent of the 16 recommendations, and to give effect to this intent. In that context, the department commits to complete the consultative and collaborative process and provide a comprehensive response to the 16 XY recommendations by 19 December 2024.

Yours sincerely

**Peta McCammon**  
Secretary  
05/08/2024