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Dear Coroner Jamieson

Thank you for your letter dated 16 July 2024 providing a copy of your finding without inquest into the death of Rohan Cosgriff (Reference Number COR 2022 004182).

I was deeply saddened to read about the tragic circumstances surrounding Rohan's death.

Recommendation - with the aim of preventing like deaths and promoting public health and safety, I recommend that Delia Rickard PSM consider the circumstances in which Rohan Cosgriff suicided and how these circumstances might inform the Statutory Review of the Online Safety Act 2021 (Cth), particularly with respect to combatting sextortion led by transnational crime syndicates.

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

As set out in the terms of reference for the statutory review of the *Online Safety Act 2021*, I am required to deliver my final report to the Australian Government by 31 October 2024. With the review still underway, the circumstances of Rohan's death and how these circumstances might inform the Statutory Review of the Online Safety Act 2021 (Cth), remain under consideration.

However, it is very clear that online interactions can lead to serious harm and result in tragic outcomes, that in many cases could have been prevented. In finalising my recommendations to Government, I am considering a broad range of harms and options to strengthen the current online safety regulatory framework. Combatting sexual extortion led by transnational crime syndicates will require a comprehensive Government response, including actions aimed at prevention, education and awareness raising, supporting individuals, better protections from online platforms, as well as criminal measures to address the problem.

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This letter has been copied to the Attorney-General, the Hon Mark Dreyfus KC, and the Hon Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications, as the Ministers with portfolio responsibility for these matters.

Yours sincerely



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Online Safety Act 2021

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