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Dear Coroner Cain,

**Re: Investigation into the death of Samantha Fraser, Court Reference: COR 2018 003600**

The Australian Psychological Society (APS) thanks the coroner for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations resulting from the inquest into the death of Samantha Fraser.

In response to recommendation (iii), the APS wishes to confirm that **an alternative to the Coroner's recommendation has OR will be implemented.**

The APS is an experienced and committed provider for ongoing professional CPD for all psychologists however, it is not in the purview of the APS to mandate CPD requirements. The Psychology Board of Australia (see - <https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/>) act as the regulator for psychologists and oversee the CPD standard for the profession.

The APS supports the provision of CPD training on family violence for all psychologists and others, with the view to ensure that the Australian community has access to a highly skilled workforce.

The APS consistently produces CPD education on the topic of intimate partner violence and has a series of webinars in development for 2025. The APS CPD library currently has an offering on the topic of interparental coercive control (see - <https://psychology.org.au/event/24023>), and a webinar scheduled in December on working therapeutically with victims and perpetrators of intimate partner violence (see - <https://psychology.org.au/event/24855>).

Thank you once again for the opportunity to respond.

Yours sincerely



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