



Department of Justice and Community Safety

Secretary

Level 26
121 Exhibition Street
Melbourne Victoria 3000
Telephone: (03) 9915 3759
www.justice.vic.gov.au

Our ref: 24122857

His Honour Simon McGregor
Coroner
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Coroner McGregor

I refer to your findings and recommendation made on 16 October 2024 following the inquest into the death of Jessica Anne Thomas (Jezza), who passed away at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre on 2 September 2023.

You made one recommendation directed at the department, *that Corrections Victoria give consideration to developing a process that gives prisoners the option of allowing custodial staff to record a person's gender identity on the Prisoner Profile Screen within the Prisoner Information Management System (PIMS).*

This recommendation accords with the submission by Counsel for the department and is accepted. Accordingly, Corrections Victoria will give further consideration to such a process, including the pros and cons of recording of gender identify in PIMS.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Melissa Westin, Deputy Commissioner, Custodial Operations, Corrections Victoria on [REDACTED]. If the department's response is to be published on the court's website, we would be grateful that Ms Westin's mobile and email address be redacted.

Yours sincerely

Ryan Phillips PSM
Acting Secretary

06 / 01 / 2025