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Dear Registry Team 3

Request for extension of time to respond to Coroner's recommendations Inquest into the passing of Noeline Dalzell (COR 2020 000670)

I refer the Coronial Inquest into the passing of Noeline Dalzell and Coroner Cain's findings delivered on 13 November 2024, which included a number of recommendations directed to State parties.

Responses to the Coroner's recommendations are currently due to the court by 12 February 2025.

The Attorney-General and the Secretary to the Department of Justice and Community Safety (including Corrections Victoria and Corrections and Justice Services) kindly request an extension of time of 8 weeks to provide their responses to the Coroner's recommendations, to 9 April 2025.

The reasons an extension of time is needed are:

- **The complexity of the recommendations** – A number of the recommendations impact upon several departments and agencies across the Victorian Government. As such, further time is needed to ensure responses to the Coroner's recommendations have been the subject of appropriate cross-portfolio consultation. This is particularly so given the recommendations give rise to complex implementation issues relating to the management of family violence risk.
- **Consultation with Aboriginal Justice Caucus** – The Department of Justice and Community Safety is in the process of engaging with the Aboriginal Justice Caucus (**Caucus**) to inform responses to the Coroner's recommendations. Further time is needed to facilitate engagement with Caucus and to ensure feedback from Caucus is appropriately incorporated into the Department's and the Attorney-General's responses to the Coroner's recommendations.

Please let us know if you require further information. Otherwise, we would be grateful if you could advise whether the Court is content to grant the extension of time requested.

Yours sincerely



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