

## Transport for NSW



Judge John Cain  
State Coroner  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
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Re: COR 2023 000603 Investigation into the death of Jack Bird

Dear Judge Cain,

I refer to your letter dated 8 November 2024 to the NSW Premier's Department regarding the investigation into the death of Jack Bird. Your letter was referred to me for response.

Please accept this letter as Transport for NSW's response to the recommendation within your findings into the death of Jack Bird, pursuant to section 72(3) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic).

I note your recommendation that the *'NSW Government consider mandating the wearing of lifejackets or personal flotation devices for all people on and/or operating a boat or other vessel'*. I confirm that the Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

The NSW Government's NSW Maritime Safety Plan 2026 committed to investigating options so that the law is easier to understand and more lives can be saved. This work is underway.

Further refinement of these options is required. Transport for NSW commits to updating your office on progress by the end of 2025.

For any further information or enquiries, please contact Ms Rosemary Donley, Acting Director Maritime and Transport Safety, Strategy and Policy [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josh Murray'.

**Josh Murray**  
Transport Secretary

31 January 2025