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Dear Coroner Ryan

Response to recommendation arising from the finding into the death of Mrs R

This letter provides the Chief Commissioner's response to the recommendation made in your Finding into the death of Mrs R, delivered on 8 May 2025.

Recommendation

There was one recommendation directed to Victoria Police, namely:

The Chief Commissioner of Police develop a chapter for the Victoria Police Manual to provide clear and specific guidance to police members to inform their judgement as to the circumstances in which welfare checks are required to be conducted.

Response

The Coroner's recommendation is noted and under consideration by Victoria Police.

Victoria Police is currently considering the most appropriate way to provide clear guidance to frontline police members as to the circumstances in, and the extent to which a welfare check should be conducted. Such guidance will need to take into account a wide-ranging set of circumstances due to the dynamic nature of policing. Therefore Victoria Police is considering whether an amendment to the existing policy would achieve this or whether the guidance would be better articulated through an entirely new chapter within the Victoria Police Manual.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Commissioner

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