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**Subject:** [REDACTED] Finding into death without Inquest  
**Court Reference:** COR 2020 002405  
**Date of Findings:** 7 August 2025

Dear Judge Sanger,

**Victoria Police's response to recommendations arising from the investigation into the death of**  
[REDACTED]

This letter provides a response to the recommendation directed to the Chief Commissioner of Police arising from the investigation into the death of [REDACTED] delivered on 7 August 2025.

#### **Recommendation**

That Victoria Police fully implement recommendation 5 of the FVRIM December 2021 report, Monitoring Victoria's family violence reforms: Accurate identification of the predominant aggressor, specifically to "*Trial a review process, involving the specialist family violence sector, for any Family Violence Report where a woman is identified as a respondent (and possible for other targeted cohorts) before it is committed to Victoria Police's LEAP database.*" The review of Family Violence Reports should occur by police and members of the specialist family violence sector together. Victoria Police should work with Family Safety Victoria to implement this recommendation.

#### **Response to recommendation**

The response to this recommendation has been developed in consultation with Family Safety Victoria (FSV). Victoria Police also refers to its response to the coronial recommendations in the investigation into the death of FCP.

Victoria Police accepts the recommendation in principle.

Victoria Police in collaboration with other participating agencies in the Predominant Aggressor Working Group (PAWG), will respond to recommendation 5 of the FVRIM report and former State

Coroner Cain's recommendation, including exploring its viability or other opportunities to address the intent of the recommendation.

The PAWG is co-chaired by FSV and the Department of Justice and Community Safety and is presently estimated to operate until mid-2027, to align with the timeframe for the third Family Violence Reform Rolling Action Plan.

Victoria Police maintains its concerns for delaying LEAP uploads and its potential safety implication. This issue has been recorded on the PAWG's policy, issues and risks register, referencing Coroner Giles in the Findings into the death of Ms HRZ. Victoria Police will explore this issue further with the PAWG as part of this recommendation and the broader work plan of the PAWG.

More broadly, Victoria Police remains committed to supporting the intent of recommendation 5 from the FVRIM report through its predominant aggressor program of work. This includes, implementing strategies to strengthen the accurate identification of the predominant aggressor and timely detection and rectification of misidentification through early engagement with the family violence sector. To that end, Victoria Police:

- published the Victoria Police Family Violence Predominant Aggressor Practice Guide and updates to the Victoria Police Manual on 31 July 2025. These documents provide end-to-end instruction and guidance for members when identifying the predominant aggressor or rectifying misidentification at any stage of the police response. This includes encouraging members to use their powers under the relevant information sharing scheme to share and request information from other agencies to assist in the determination of the predominant aggressor; and
- established clear points of contact for the family violence sector and the public to raise potential instances of misidentification with police and to communicate outcomes. This work included engaging with The Orange Door on their Predominant Aggressor Tool to support police review and decision making.

Victoria Police will also continue to deliver training to members on predominant aggressor identification through Family Violence Training Officers in each police division.

### **Conclusion**

Victoria Police is committed to working with the PAWG and other sector stakeholders to address misidentification and promote the correct identification of the predominant aggressor.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Commissioner**

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