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Dear Ms Lee

Thank you for providing the findings of Coroner Ingrid Giles dated 23 January 2026 into the death of Trang Thi Thu Le. I offer my condolences to Ms Le's family and loved ones. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Coroner Giles made the following recommendation directed to the Department of Health (the department):

That the Victorian Department of Health consult with relevant drug harm reduction and clinical experts to review and refresh the contents of the "Code of practice for running safer music festivals and events", to ensure its guidance on drug harm reduction at music festivals and electronic dance music events reflects current evidence and best practice.

The department accepts the Coroner's recommendation and will review and refresh the contents of the 'Code of practice for running safer music festivals and events' (2013 Code) through the development of the *Safer Music Festivals Framework* (Framework). This will follow completion of the Victorian Pill Testing Service Trial (VPTS Trial) which will provide important insights into drug trends, patron behavior and how harm reduction services can be delivered effectively at events. The department will consult with drug harm reduction and clinical experts, event organisers, emergency responders and people with lived and living experience to inform the development of the Framework.

For context, the VPTS Trial commenced in June 2024 and has provided Victorians with the ability to test illicit drugs free of charge so that they can know what substances are present. As a part of the VPTS trial, a fixed site service has been established in Fitzroy, and a mobile service attended 10 events over the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 music festival seasons. The VPTS Trial is set to conclude at the end of June 2026, with ongoing arrangements for pill testing services yet to be determined by government.

Those who access services through the VPTS Trial receive non-judgmental health and harm reduction advice so that they can understand the risks associated with the substances identified as being present. This includes advice about unexpected high-risk or unknown substances circulating in Victoria and ensures that Victorians are aware of potential harms associated with substance use.

Further, the department appreciates Coroner Giles' recognition of the drug alerts issued by the department, including those relating to high-dose MDMA capsules and pills that are circulating

in Victoria. The department considers these drug alerts to be an important harm reduction effort to those consuming illicit drugs at music events.

I trust this response is of assistance to the Court.

Yours sincerely



Jenny Atta PSM

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