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Judge Sarah Hinchey
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Dear Judge Hinchey

Investigation into the death of Luke Batty

I note the recommendations made by Judge Gray in the inquest into the death of Luke Batty. As previously discussed with Judge Gray, a Court cannot be the subject of coronial recommendations affecting the exercise of its judicial functions. Subject to that proviso, I provide these responses.

In relation to recommendations 2, 25, 26, 27 and 28, the Court is reviewing its "information for Application for an Intervention Order" form to simplify it and incorporate elements of CRAF to ensure the easier identification of risk and safety concerns. Family Violence registrars have undertaken a training session on CRAF and risk assessment. Further specialist training is planned. All applicant support workers complete the CRAF with the affected family members as part of their interview and assessment. By February 2016, the Court will have developed "Best Practice" guidelines for all support workers.

In relation to recommendation 29, during the course of 2015, the court has examined the language of the standard conditions to family violence intervention orders. This examination is nearly finished.

Yours faithfully

Peter Lauritsen
Chief Magistrate