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Dear Ms Brodie

Response to coroner's recommendation: Death of Lee Patricia Collings

I am writing in response to your email received on Thursday 7 March 2013, regarding a request for a response to the recommendations made by the Coroners Court of Victoria in relation to the death of Lee Patricia Collings.

As noted in your email, correspondence was sent to Debra Cerasa CEO, Royal College of Nursing, *Australia*, in February 2012 seeking a written response to the coroner's recommendations concerning the death. On 1 July 2012, Royal College of Nursing, *Australia* and The College of Nursing unified to become the Australian College of Nursing (ACN).

Please be advised that ACN is a national membership organisation for nurses and nursing students in all areas of the nursing profession. ACN undertakes a broad range of professional nursing activities, including education and professional representation and advocacy, however, ACN is not a health service provider and we do not have direct or indirect responsibility for nursing service provision.

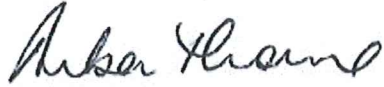
It is within the remit of ACN to provide professional guidance and advice to our members and other stakeholders but ACN does not have any regulatory authority or any operational role in health service delivery.

ACN does have a significant communications role and regularly provides information to our membership base as well as to other stakeholders as required. With respect to the Coroner's recommendations we are able to act as a communication conduit to assist in the dissemination and promulgation of the Coroner's recommendations in relation to the Lee Patricia Collings case. We are also able to draw the importance of the coroner's finding to the direct attention of our Victorian members.

Therefore, unless requested to do otherwise, we will draw the attention of our members to the findings of this case within our weekly member's e-newsletter and will particularly highlight it as a matter of interest for Victorian members.

Please do not hesitate to contact me to for further discussion or clarification.

Yours sincerely



Debra Thoms FACN (DLF)
Chief Executive Officer
Australian College of Nursing

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