

Coroners Court of Victoria Coroner Michelle Hodgson Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street MELBORNE VIC 3000

Dear Coroner Hodgson,

Subject: Court reference 2668/2010

I refer to your recommendation relevant to Transport Safety Victoria (TSV) following the findings into the death without inquest of David William Macumber.

The recommendation was as follows:

Transport Safety Victoria give consideration to the provisions of specific guidance to the bus industry that explains how bus operators can meet their safety duties when managing difficult passengers, including the removal of passengers by drivers due to their poor behaviour or intoxicated state.

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

As part of considering your recommendation, TSV proposes taking the following action:

- 1. prepare guidance material addressing the above recommendation,
- 2. make the guidance material available to the bus industry for comment.

Once the consultation process is completed TSV will consider the most appropriate action and provide a response to the Coroner by the end of July 2012.

If you have any queries please contact Andrew Chlebica on telephone 9655 6873 or email andrew.chlebica@transportsafety.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Turner, Director, Bus Safety

Dated: 10-5-2012

CC: John Stamatakos

