



IN THE CORONERS COURT  
OF VICTORIA  
AT MELBOURNE

Court reference: COR 2017 0325  
COR 2017 0327  
COR 2017 0328  
COR 2017 0329  
COR 2017 0343  
COR 2017 0465

**INQUEST INTO THE DEATHS OF MATTHEW POH CHUAN SI, THALIA HAKIN,  
YOSUKE KANNO, JESS MUDIE, ZACHARY MATTHEW BRYANT AND BHAVITA  
PATEL**

**PROCEEDING SUPPRESSION ORDER**

*Section 18(2) of the Open Courts Act 2013 (Vic)*

**CORONER:** Coroner Jacqui Hawkins

**DATE MADE:** 22 November 2019

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr S O'Meara QC with Mr P Lawrie, counsel assisting the coroner  
Ms F Spencer on behalf of the families of the deceased  
Dr I Freckelton QC with Mr R Gipp on behalf of the Chief Commissioner of Police  
Ms E Gardner on behalf of the Department of Justice and Community Safety  
Mr B Ihle with Ms C Fitzgerald on behalf of 21 Victoria Police members  
Ms R Ellyard with Ms M Chorn on behalf of 30 Victoria Police members  
Ms M Isobel on behalf of Senior Constable Roland Jones  
Mr I Hill QC with Ms R Avis on behalf of Mr Christos Pantelios

**OTHER MATTERS:** On 20 November 2019 the Chief Commissioner of Police applied for a proceeding suppression order pursuant to section 18(2) of the Open Courts Act 2013. No other interested party or media entity sought to be heard.

I, Coroner Jacqui Hawkins, in respect of the inquest into the deaths of Matthew Poh Chuan Si, Thalia Hakin, Yosuke Kanno, Jess Mudie, Zachary Matthew Bryant and Bhavita Patel and pursuant to section 18(2)(b) of the *Open Courts Act 2013* (Vic) (**the Open Courts Act**), having considered the Application of the Chief Commissioner of Police and the Affidavit of Detective Senior Constable Gentner dated 20 November 2019, am satisfied that a proceeding suppression order should be made, because I reasonably believe that an order is necessary because disclosure would be contrary to the public interest, and

**ORDER THAT:**

1. Pursuant to section 18(2) of the Open Courts Act the following, or information derived from the following, is prohibited from disclosure by publication or broadcast in Victoria or elsewhere in Australia:
  - (i) evidence in respect of the name, image and any information that would identify, or tend to identify that [REDACTED] was a person who communicated with Victoria Police about the whereabouts of the offender on 19 and 20 January 2017 [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]; and
  - (ii) evidence in respect of the residential address of [REDACTED] as at 19 and 20 January 2017; and
  - (iii) the precise time of the communications between [REDACTED] and Victoria Police on 19 and 20 January 2017.
2. I further order [REDACTED] must be referred to as witness HCP;
3. For the purpose of this order, "publication" has the meaning attributed to it by section 3 of the Open Courts Act, that is to say, it means the dissemination or provision of access to the public or a section of the public by any means, including by -
  - (a) publication in a book, newspaper or other written publication; or
  - (b) broadcast by radio or television; or
  - (c) public exhibition; or
  - (d) broadcast or electronic communication.
4. I order that a redacted version of this order be published on the Coroners Court website.

5. This order will expire on 22 November 2024.

Signature:



JACQUI HAWKINS

CORONER

Date: 22 November 2019



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NOTE: Under section 23 of the **Open Courts Act 2013** a person must not engage in conduct that constitutes a contravention of an interim order. The maximum penalty for an individual is 5 years imprisonment or 600 penalty units or both, and 3000 penalty units for a body corporate.

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