

IN THE CORONERS COURT
OF VICTORIA
AT MELBOURNE

Court Reference: COR 2018 005533

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF JEANETTE HERMASSOO
FINDING INTO DEATH WITHOUT INQUEST**

Form 38 Rule 60(2)

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

I, DARREN J. BRACKEN, Coroner, having commenced an investigation into the death of JEANETTE HERMASSOO without holding an inquest:

Find that:

The identity of the deceased was:

Surname: HERMASSOO
Given names: JEANETTE
Date of Birth: 30th July 1955

The death occurred:

On 2nd November 2018 at
Austin Health, Austin Hospital, 145 Studley Road, Heidelberg,
Victoria 3084

The cause of death was:

(1a). SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED DEATH IN EPILEPSY
(SUDEP)

1. Pursuant to section 67(3) of the *Coroners Act 2008*, (“the Act”) I make the following comments:
 - (a) The deceased was immediately before death a person placed in custody or care as contemplated by section 52(2)(b) of the *Coroners Act 2008* such that pursuant to section 52(1) of the Act, but subject to section 52(3A) of the Act, I must hold an Inquest.
 - (b) On the 11th December 2018, and after having conducted a medical examination on the deceased medical examiner Dr Sarah Parsons provided me with a report that included an opinion that the death was due to natural causes.
 - (c) During the course of my investigation I identified no other issues which require further investigation.

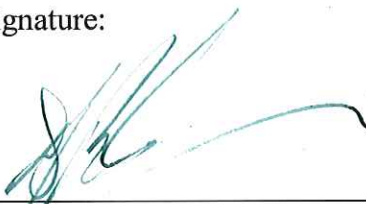
2. Having been provided with the report referred to in paragraph 1(b) above I consider that the cause of the death was due to natural causes. Pursuant then to section 52(3A) of the Act, I am not required to and have determined not to hold an inquest.
3. I direct this finding be published on the Coroners Court of Victoria website pursuant to section 73(1B) of the Act 2008.
4. I further direct that a copy of this finding be provided to:

Mrs Pauline Chapman, Austin Health;

Office of the Disability Services Commissioner; and,

Acting Sergeant Josh Telfer, Coroner's Investigator, Victoria Police.

Signature:



DARREN J. BRACKEN
CORONER



Date: 28 January 2020