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Dear Mr Doolan

Inquest into the death of Tanya Louise Day- COR 2017 006424

I am writing to inform the Court of action taken by the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS), in regard to Recommendation 10 made by the Deputy State Coroner, at the Inquest into the Death of Tanya Louise Day on 9 April 2020.

In her findings, the Deputy State Coroner recommended DJCS review the current volunteer model for the Aboriginal Community Justice Panel (ACJP) to examine its effectiveness in providing protection for Aboriginal people in custody, and that this review include a clarification of services offered by the ACJP alongside Victoria Police and the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services.

I accept this recommendation. DJCS has commenced the process to undertake the review and has established a working group of key stakeholders including representatives from Victoria Police, the ACJP Executive and the Victorian Aboriginal Legal Services to scope and guide the review over the coming months. The review will be completed in February 2021.

DJCS is committed to improving outcomes for Aboriginal Victorians in contact with justice services, and I believe that the implementation of this recommendation will give us an opportunity to do so.

I would like to thank the court for its advice on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Falkingham
Secretary