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State Coroner Judge John Cain  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
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**Subject:** Brittany Harvie - Finding into death without inquest  
**Court Reference:** COR 2015 2722  
**Date of Recommendation:** 24 August 2020

Dear Judge Cain,

**Victoria Police response to recommendation arising from the Investigation into the death of Brittany Harvie.**

This document provides the response to your recommendation directed to the Chief Commissioner of Police, arising from the Investigation into the death of Brittany Harvie (without inquest), delivered on 24 August 2020.

Victoria Police's response to your Finding is set out below.

***Recommendation to Victoria Police***

*That the Victoria Police and the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety update their policies and procedures for information sharing to ensure that when an offender under the supervision of Youth Justice is arrested or is the subject of a family violence investigation, Victoria Police provide this information to Youth Justice so that current and accurate risk assessments of offenders under the supervision of Youth Justice can be completed. This system should replicate the efficiencies and effectiveness of the L17 referral notification process and should provide for timely sharing of relevant information for all agencies to assess risks. It would be preferable that this be achieved through the development of an automated system*

***The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.***

We note that there are two separate considerations in relation to this recommendation. Firstly, information sharing in relation to the arrest of offenders subject to Youth Justice supervision and secondly, information sharing in circumstances where an individual subject to the supervision of Youth Justice is the subject of a family violence investigation. We address each in turn below.

1. Information Sharing in relation to Arrests

This aspect of the Coroner's recommendation is under consideration by Victoria Police. Consultation across various work areas including Crime Command and State Emergencies Support Command regarding the implementation of an automatic notification system regarding arrests remains ongoing.

2. Information Sharing in relation to Family Violence Investigation

Insofar as family violence incidents are concerned, Victoria Police supports the Coroner's recommendation. Victoria Police has commenced work with the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) to identify system solutions to sharing relevant information with Youth Justice including scoping the viability of the L17 portal and the eJustice platform as possible mechanisms to support this work and facilitate implementation by DCJS. As this work continues, Victoria Police will ensure that any required policy and procedural changes are made to facilitate sharing information with Youth Justice.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Commissioner

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