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Ms Mikaela Megetto

Coroner's Registrar

Coroners Court of Victoria

By email: cpuresonses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Megetto,

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF SWEE C HO - Court reference: COR 2019 000762

I am responding to you regarding the coroner's report into the drowning of Swee C Ho at Davey's Bay, Mt Eliza, in 2019 whilst diving for abalone.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority is responding to the following recommendation:

1c: that the Victorian Fisheries Authority update the Victorian Recreational Fishing Guide and its other resources to include information about abalone fishing safety and the risk of drowning whilst fishing.

The coroner's recommendation to the VFA will be implemented in full. Abalone fishing safety information will be included in the 2021 Recreational Fishing Guide and in the translated (Chinese and Vietnamese) versions. The Guide will be available in March 2021.

Messaging from this publication will also be mirrored in the Victorian Fisheries Authority web page and within the VicFish app.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority will investigate other opportunities to further assist the Victorian community to understand the risks associated with dive fishing, and the actions individuals are required to undertake to mitigate those risks.

If you have any questions relating to this matter please contact Natashar Wills, Senior Fisheries Officer – Community Engagement on 0428 350 725.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Travis Dowling".

Travis Dowling
Chief Executive Officer
Victorian Fisheries Authority

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