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Dear Ms Bebbington,

RE: COR 2016 5581 – Investigation into the death of Adam Laufer

I refer to your letter addressed to Ms Pam Anders, CEO of Mental Health Reform Victoria, dated 29 July 2021, regarding the inquest into the death of Adam Laufer.

I wish to advise the Court that Mental Health Reform Victoria no longer exists as an administrative office pursuant to the *Public Administration Act 2004*. Mental Health Reform Victoria was abolished by order of Governor in Council published on 29 June 2021, which took effect on 1 July 2021. Mental Health Reform Victoria was subsumed into the Department of Health from this date.

The Secretary to the Department of Health has provided a response to the Court for the purposes of section 72 of the *Coroners Act 2008*, which specifies the action taken in relation to the Coroner's recommendations from this investigation. This response includes the work completed by Mental Health Reform Victoria prior to 1 July 2021. It is proposed to the Court that this be considered as the response to the investigation on behalf of Mental Health Reform Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Goodall

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