

12 December 2022

Coroner Magistrate Audrey JAMIESON
Coroners Court of Victoria

By email to: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Coroner Jamieson

Re: Investigation into the deaths of Katica Perinovic, Matthew Perinovic, Claire Perinovic and Anna Perinovic. (Court Ref: COR 2021 000287)

On behalf of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP), we acknowledge your correspondence in relation to your findings on the deaths of Katica Perinovic, Matthew Perinovic, Claire Perinovic and Anna Perinovic, and the recommendations made for the RANZCP dated 15 November 2022. We offer our condolences to the family, friends, and community affected by the loss.

The RANZCP notes the Coroner's recommendation and advise this is under consideration: With the aim of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists review and update the Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Schizophrenia and Related Disorders to improve best practice in clinical care provided to patients diagnosed with First Episode Psychosis in community mental health practices.

As a membership organisation the consultation on the Coroner's recommendation will be undertaken with the Practice, Policy and Partnerships Committee and the Victorian Branch Committee. The RANZCP is currently undertaking a significant review of our methodology for developing future clinical practice guidelines and how we review our clinical practice guidelines. An update will be provided to the Coroner in June 2023

To discuss the consideration of the recommendation further, please contact Nicola Wright, Executive Manager, Policy, Practice and Research Department via Nicola.Wright@ranzcp.org or by phone on (03) 9236 9103.

Yours sincerely



Ms Callie Kalimniou
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Ref: 3569