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Dear Coroner's Registrar Collings

**Re: Court ref: COR 2017 003678 – Investigation into the death of Margaret Cook**

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) thanks the Coroners Court of Victoria for the letter 27 March 2023 regarding the Investigation into the death of Margaret Cook

**Requested responses to the following recommendation:**

*1. In the interests of promoting public health and safety and with the aim of preventing similar deaths, I recommend that the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners consider using Margaret Alice Cook's matter as a case study to highlight the utility of the making of an advance health directive as part of general practice education and general practitioners' obligations under the Medical Treatment Planning and Decisions Act 2016.*

**RACGP Responses pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act:**

In accordance with the Coroners recommendation, the RACGP of Victoria will include the Coroners request with [this link](#) to the relevant finding on Coroners Court of Victoria website, in the July 2023 RACGP Victoria member newsletter; as a case study to highlight the utility of the making of an advance health directive. This newsletter will be published on 20 July 2023, and will be distributed to approximately 10,000 RACGP Victorian members,

We hope that this information is useful. If you have any further questions about the above, please contact RACGP Victoria State Manager Kon Kakris via [kon.kakris@racgp.org.au](mailto:kon.kakris@racgp.org.au).

Yours sincerely

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