

18 August 2023

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Coroner Simon McGregor  
C/- Brody Vittorio  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh Street  
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Dear Coroner McGregor,

**RE: Coronial Investigation into the death of Geunhee Park - COR 2019 002270**

I refer to the above Coronial Investigation into the death of Geunhee Park at Port Phillip Bay in May 2019 and the findings delivered by your Honour on 17 April 2023.

The recommendation in your Honour's findings was as follows:

***Recommendation:** the Minister for Fishing and Boating and Safe Transport Victoria review the term 'recreational vessel' and amended in relevant legislation and publications to 'vessel'. It may be appropriate to use the term 'private vessel' to create a distinction from 'commercial vessels' if need be.*

Safe Transport Victoria (ST Vic) received the Court's Finding in this matter and reviewed the recommendation. Following this review, it was decided that as the recommendation concerns legislative policy it is more appropriate for the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to respond. This position was then communicated to DTP who agreed with this approach. However, our understanding is that the DTP has subsequently referred the recommendation to the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (DJSIR). ST Vic will support DJSIR with the response as required.

ST Vic has no further submissions on this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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Safe Transport Victoria