

2 October 2023

Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank, Victoria 3006
By email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Registrar

Maribyrnong City Council Response to Coroner's recommendation – Investigations into the deaths of Refan Al Moarfeg (COR 2021 003519) and Meeram Bano (COR 2021 007009)

I refer to the above investigation undertaken by Coroner Jamieson and provide the following in response to the recommendation directed at Maribyrnong City Council following her Honour's findings in relation to the circumstances of both deaths.

The same recommendation was included in both findings, specifically:

- (i) *In the interests of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that the Maribyrnong City Council implement the recommendations of SafeT Now, NTT Australia and Life Saving Victoria into any ongoing and future works within Footscray Park.*

I can confirm that to the extent current circumstances permit and to ensure no contradictory or inconsistent treatment of the relevant area, Maribyrnong City Council has already accepted and implemented the recommendations contained in the Council commissioned reports from SafeT Now (13 August 2021), NTT Australia (7 April 2022) and Life Saving Victoria (21 October 2022).

Maribyrnong City Council would like to express its sincere condolences to the families of both children and also thank her Honour for the careful consideration given to the matters relevant to this Coronial Investigation.

Yours sincerely



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