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Subject: Phillip Pierson - Finding into death with inquest
Court reference: COR 2020 1612
Date of finding: 18 August 2023

Dear Deputy State Coroner Hawkins

Response to recommendation arising out of the Finding into the death of Phillip Pearson

I write in response to your recommendation directed to Victoria Police arising from the Finding into the death of Mr Phillip Pierson, delivered 18 August 2023.

The Finding delivered one recommendation directed to Victoria Police:

I recommend that the Chief Commissioner of Police give priority to seeking funding to implement the installation of in-car video technology (also referred to as front facing dashcam) in all police vehicles that undertake operational policing duties, along with the associated infrastructure to manage and review the footage. For the purposes of clarity, this technology should record audio and video footage of road policing activities, including roadside intercepts, and relevant metadata from the Police vehicle (speed, GPS location etc). Automatic number plate recognition (as installed across Victoria Police's highway patrol fleet) is not a requirement of this technology.

Victoria Police notes the implementation would require a significant financial undertaking. We will write to the Police Minister to get advice as to whether government would be interested in exploring funding this. In the absence of funding it will not be achieved.

I shall write to you again on receipt of a response from the Minister for Police.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Patton APM
Chief Commissioner

29/11/23