



20 October 2023

Coroner David Ryan
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street,
SOUTHBANK, VIC 3006

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Dear Coroner Ryan

COR 2022 001727 Finding into the death of Edward Schutz

I refer to your Finding dated 29 August 2023 in relation to the death of Edward Schutz.

I was saddened to hear of the death of Edward Schutz and I convey my sincerest condolences to Mr Schutz's family and loved ones.

I note that you have made the following recommendation to the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008*:

That the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority include in its signage at Sandy Gully Beach a warning to swimmers about the possibility of heavy and crashing waves.

Response to recommendation

Your recommendation will be implemented. The Authority has contacted Lifesaving Victoria (LSV) and ordered three replacement signs that will include an additional warning 'Large Breaking Waves' to ensure alignment with LSV's terminology and the existing aquatic safety signage along the Authority's managed estate.

The replacement signs are anticipated to be installed by 15 December 2023 at Sandy Gully Beach in Airey's Inlet pending timely supply of the amended artwork, manufacture and supply of the signs.

I hope that this provides reassurance that the coronial recommendation will be addressed as soon as practicable. Should you have any questions in relation to this response, please contact our office on 1300 736 533 or by email at info@greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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