

Coroner Simon McGregor
Coroner's Court of Victoria
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Dear Coroner McGregor

CORONIAL INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF YING SUN - COR 2024 005753

I refer to your letter dated 19 June 2025, about the investigation into the drowning death of Ms Ying Sun COR 2024 005753. Your letter invites Parks Victoria to make a submission regarding recommendations in the Finding Without Inquest for Ms Sun's death near Cape Schanck Lighthouse in the Mornington Peninsula National Park on 30 September 2024.

Parks Victoria wishes to acknowledge the continued grief of all affected by this tragic incident, particularly Ms Sun's family and loved ones and offer our sincere condolences to them.

You have provided two recommendations for consideration. Please find Parks Victoria's response to those recommendations below.

Recommendation 1: *That Parks Victoria consider the installation of additional signage at the end of the boardwalk towards Black Rock Beach. This additional signage should remind visitors and warn them of the hazards present in the area and the need for caution around the water and rocks.*

This recommendation will be implemented.

By 1 December 2025, Parks Victoria will install an additional sign at the end of the boardwalk prior to people making their way onto the beach. The signage will include risk symbols for unexpected waves, unstable cliffs, deep water, slippery rocks, strong currents, deep water and submerged objects. This will be in addition to existing signage warning of large sudden waves at this location.

Parks Victoria's signage manual is guided by relevant national and international standards for water safety and hazard signage in public settings. The signage manual is reviewed regularly and was most recently updated in 2023, ensuring signage aligns with current best practice to support effective risk communication and influence visitor behaviour. The signage at this location remains up to date with the current signage manual.

Recommendation 2: *That Parks Victoria consider updating all hazard warning signage in the area with QR codes to link to information on the Parks Victoria website that is available in multiple languages to ensure international visitors have access to relevant information in their own languages.*

An alternative to this recommendation will be implemented.

Parks Victoria will install QR codes on the existing primary hazard warning signage located at the trailheads originating from the Cape Schanck Day Visitor Area. This area is currently the only location within the vicinity that offers mobile phone reception.

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The QR codes will direct visitors to the Cape Schanck Day Visitor Area webpage, managed by Parks Victoria. This webpage provides access to general visitor safety information in multiple languages, supporting safe and informed decision-making for international visitors and community members whose first language is not English.

This approach ensures that hazard messaging remains tailored to the specific risks at this site, while supporting consistent pre-arrival and preparedness messaging—key elements of Parks Victoria’s broader visitor safety strategy. It also enables Parks Victoria to retain control over the accuracy and relevance of safety information at key sites, while enhancing accessibility through the availability of translated materials.

Parks Victoria is committed to the safety of visitors under its management. Parks Victoria will continue to maintain appropriate risk signage at the boardwalk and across the Mornington Peninsula National Park as part of an integrated and ongoing risk management approach. Parks Victoria will continue to collaborate with relevant agencies, such as Life Saving Victoria, Emergency Services and local communities on prevention and education on this sensitive matter.

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact Mr Adam Saunders, Chief Operations Officer via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer
13 September 2025