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Dear Coroner Fitzgerald

## **STATEMENT OF ACTION – CORONERS COURT RECOMMENDATION – PASSING OF NARISHA CASH – COR 2020 001714**

I refer to your findings and recommendations made on 19 December 2025 in the inquest into the death of Narisha Faye Cash (Nish) who tragically passed away on 26 March 2020.

Of your 10 recommendations, 3 were jointly directed to the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS), Department of Health, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police and Triple Zero Victoria (TZV). DJCS' response to these recommendations is outlined below.

I am aware that Victoria Police, the Department of Health, and TZV are responding independently to the recommendations directed to them.

### **Recommendation 8**

DJCS accepts this recommendation.

DJCS has confirmed with the Department of Health as the implementation lead, that the circumstances of Ms Cash's passing will be considered in the design and implementation of Recommendation 10 of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System (Royal Commission). DJCS will continue to support the implementation of this recommendation, noting that full implementation is subject to funding decisions of government.

The Department of Health report on the recommendations from the Royal Commission through a dedicated [website](#). Progress against the 65 recommendations and 9 interim recommendations is regularly updated and publicly available.

## Recommendation 9

DJCS accepts this recommendation in principle.

The implementation of Recommendation 10 of the Royal Commission comprises a networked system of mental health crises responses involving complex, multi-agency collaboration, including from DJCS, Department of Health, Victoria Police, TZV, and Ambulance Victoria.

The Department of Health published its [Next Phase of Reform plan](#) in December 2024, which includes updates on Royal Commission implementation progress, including for Recommendation 10. Noting the interconnectedness of actions and progress in response to the recommendation, DJCS, TZV and Victoria Police will work with the Department of Health to explore appropriate mechanisms for reporting.

## Recommendation 10

DJCS accepts this recommendation in principle.

Funding received in the 2021-22 and 2023-24 Budgets has supported DJCS, Victoria Police and TZV to work with the Department of Health and Ambulance Victoria on the complex, cross-agency design of reforms to progress Recommendation 10 of the Royal Commission. DJCS, TZV and Victoria Police will work with the Department of Health, as recommendation lead, to explore appropriate mechanisms to report the collective activities and outcomes achieved as a result of funding provided to progress this work.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Bill Kyriakopoulos, Deputy Secretary, Community Safety, Victims and Racing, DJCS at

Yours sincerely



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