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Dear Coroner Giles,

RE: Response to Coroners Court Recommendation – COR 2021 006836

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the coronial recommendation arising from the Finding into the death of Mr PNF.

The Office of the Chief Psychiatrist notes that the recommendation is directed to Victoria Police, specifically in relation to consultation with our office regarding the implementation of a protocol to advise suspects and/or their families of the increased risk of suicide and/or self-harm in certain circumstances, and to provide information on appropriate referral and escalation avenues.

The Office of the Chief Psychiatrist is available to be consulted by Victoria Police to assist in the development of such a protocol, should Victoria Police choose to proceed with this recommendation. We remain committed to supporting interagency collaboration in the interests of suicide and self-harm prevention.

Please advise if further information or clarification is required.

Yours sincerely

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