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Dear Coroner Dennis

Parks Victoria response to Recommendation (i) arising from the coronial investigations into the deaths of Lee Yu Wu (COR 2023 007176) and Fan Yang (COR 2023 007184)

This letter responds to Recommendation (i) in the coronial findings delivered on 12 March 2026 in relation to the deaths of Lee Yu Wu and Fan Yang (COR 2023 007176 and COR 2023 007184).

I would like to express my sincere condolences to Miss Wu's and Mr Yang's family for their loss.

Recommendation

I recommend that Parks Victoria consider installing signage in key locations throughout the Buchan Caves Reserve (for example, at car parks and bridges) warning of the dangers of driving through flood waters.

Response to recommendation

Parks Victoria accepts the recommendation. A site assessment at the Reserve has been conducted to identify high risk key locations including the campground, main visitor area, the carparks servicing the Royal Cave and Fairy Cave and bridges. Parks Victoria has installed permanent, high-visibility warning signage at identified high-risk locations.

Conclusion

Parks Victoria will continue to monitor and review safety measures at the Reserve to ensure that risks associated with flash flooding are appropriately managed.

Parks Victoria remains committed to implementing practical and proportionate measures to enhance visitor safety, and to working collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to give effect to the intent of the recommendation.

Should you require further advice on this matter please contact Mr Michael Treanor, Area Chief Ranger – Gippsland Lakes at michael.treanor@parks.vic.gov.au or on 03 8427 3769.

Yours sincerely


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Chief Executive Officer
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