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Coroner Audrey Jamieson  
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Dear Coroner Jamieson

Thank you for your office's letter of 15 April 2026 about the investigation into the death of LX.

I extend my sincere condolences to LX's loved ones.

### **Recommendation**

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008*, you recommended:

*'With the aim of promoting public health and safety and the administration of justice, [...] that the Attorney-General review the provisions of the Coroners Act 2008 (Vic) that relate to the definition of "in custody or care" in s 3(1) and the mandatory requirement to hold an Inquest associated with that definition, with a view to expanding the definition and ensuring consistency to Coronial oversight of this vulnerable cohort to include deaths of people required to live in a residential facility, such as Corella Place.'*

### **Response to the recommendation**

I have taken the recommendation under consideration.

I have instructed the Department of Justice and Community Safety to review the definition of 'in custody or care' and the mandatory requirement to hold an Inquest associated with that definition in response to the recommendation. This review will inform my view on if and how the definition of 'in custody of care' should be expanded to capture the deaths of people required to live in a residential facility, such as Corella Place.

If you wish to discuss this recommendation further, please contact Kathryn Bannon, Deputy Secretary, Justice System Coordination and Reform, Department of Justice

and Community Safety on [REDACTED] or by email to  
[REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonya Kilkenny', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**Sonya Kilkenny**  
Attorney-General

Date: 26/07/2026