

22 October 2026

Coroner Simon McGregor
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

By email only: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Warning: This correspondence refers to an Aboriginal person who has passed and may cause distress.

Dear Coroner McGregor,

Inquest into the Passing of Veronica Nelson – COR 2020 0021

We refer to the abovenamed matter, and to previous correspondence to the Court from the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission (**Commission**), dated **20 May 2025**.

Review under section 41(c) of the Charter

We confirm that the Commission has reached the final phases of its independent review (**Review**) under section 41(c) of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* (Vic) (**Charter**).

The Review arises from Recommendation 39 of the Finding in this matter:

No later than 12 months from the date of this Finding, Corrections Victoria, Justice Health and Correct Care Australasia, as public authorities under the Charter request that the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission conduct a review under Section 41(c) of the Charter of any improvements to programmes, practises, and facilities made in response to the recommendations above, and provide an overview of the results of that review for publication on the Coroners Court of Victoria website along with the responses to the Recommendations made in this Finding.

Final Report of the Independent Review – date of publication

Since being requested to undertake the Review in February 2025 by the Department of Justice and Community Safety (**DJCS**) and the Commissioner of Corrections Victoria, the Commission has been carrying out the Review and considering changes made to the programs and practices of DJCS Justice Health and Corrections Victoria (**Review Parties**) in relation to the 11 Coronal recommendations subject of the Review, and assessing whether the changes made are compatible with relevant rights under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (Vic).

We anticipate the Final Report will be provided to the Coroner's Court for publication on its website in **early 2027**, with a date to be confirmed.

The Commission will write again to confirm the date of publication, and we hope to be able to offer a pre-publication briefing to the Coroner, subject to the consent of the Review Parties.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Aimee Cooper, Head of Legal at the Commission [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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