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Ms Kate Bryant
Coroner Dubrow – Team 12
Kate Bryant, Coroner's Registrar
Sonja Mileska, Senior Coroner's Solicitor

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Bryant,

Re: Coronial Investigation Finalised - Baby R (COR 2022 004878)

I respond to your correspondence issued to the Royal Australian New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (RANZCOG; the College) on 29 May 2026.

In response to your recommendation, RANZCOG participated in discussions with ACM and Safer Care Victoria on 24 August 2026. I note that while RANZCOG supports a collaborative model, the discussions during the meeting acknowledged that each organisation has a different role within the maternity care sector and develops guidance to meet the needs of different professional groups, healthcare settings and end users. Given these differing purposes and audiences, it was considered neither feasible nor appropriate to achieve complete uniformity across all guidance documents.

RANZCOG develops its evidence-based clinical guidelines using the internationally recognised Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) framework and in line with NHMRC standards. The process involves establishing a multidisciplinary guideline development group, conducting systematic literature reviews, assessing the quality of evidence, and developing recommendations based on evidence. Guideline recommendations are then reviewed and approved through RANZCOG governance processes.

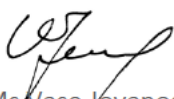
RANZCOG reviews its clinical guidelines, statements and patient information resources on a five-year cycle, unless emerging evidence, changes in practice or other circumstances warrant an earlier review. The Home Births (C-Obs 2) Clinical Guidance Statement was developed in 2023 and is therefore not yet due for routine review.

While RANZCOG maintains a structured review schedule, the volume and complexity of its publication suite means that reviews may not always be completed within the anticipated timeframe. Where a review is undertaken and no substantive changes are required, the publication remains current and the review and next review dates are updated accordingly without amendments to the content.

In light of the above, RANZCOG considers that the intent of the recommendation has been appropriately addressed through its engagement with ACM and Safer Care Victoria and through its established processes for the development, review and governance of clinical guidance. RANZCOG remains committed to ongoing collaboration with key stakeholders to promote consistency where appropriate, while ensuring its guidance remains evidence-based, fit for purpose and aligned with the needs of its members and the communities they serve.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,



Ms Vase Jovanoska
Chief Executive Officer