Inquest into the death of Bryan Hodgkinson

Mr Hodgkinson died on 10 September 1987 from head injuries received in an assault whilst working as a taxi driver.

Coroner David O’Connell delivered his findings of inquest on 18 December 2018.

The Queensland Government responds to recommendations directed to government agencies at inquests by informing the community if a recommendation will be implemented or the reason why a recommendation is not supported.

The department named in this response will provide implementation updates until the recommendation is delivered. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible minister named in the response.

Recommendation 1
The coroner referred the matter of the continued application of the Coroners Act 1958 to the Attorney-General for consideration as to provide an amendment to the Coroners Act 2003 to ensure that all inquests (including inquests part-heard, or inquests to be re-opened), no matter when the death occurred, now come within the ambit of the 2003 Act.

Response and action: implementation of the recommendation is under consideration.

Responsible agency: Department of Justice and Attorney-General.

On 5 July 2019 the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice responded:

The Attorney-General has written to key legal stakeholders seeking their view on the recommended change to the law applying to inquests. The Attorney-General is currently considering the results of this consultation.