

Inquest into the death of Shui Ki Chan

Shui Ki Chan died between 22 and 23 August 2012. The medical cause of Shui Ki Chan's death was hypovolaemic shock and hypothermia due to fractures caused by a passing vehicle striking his bicycle.

Coroner John Hutton delivered his findings of inquest on 2 November 2017.

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.

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Recommendation 1

The Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service direct that:

- Urgent attention be given to the decision of whether Ms Joanne McCauley will be charged with the murder of Mr Shui Ki Chan
- Urgent attention is given to reviewing whether Mr Phillip Thow (and Ms Joanne McCauley) should be charged with sexual and ancillary offences against the then 15 year son of Ms McCauley.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 8 January 2019 the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services responded:

The Queensland Police Service acknowledges the coroner's recommendation. Matters involving serious criminal charges and court proceedings will be managed outside the scope of the coronial reporting arrangements.