

Inquest into the death of Shandee Renee Blackburn

Shandee Blackburn died on 9 February 2013 in a violent incident with a person who used a bladed instrument.

Coroner David O'Connell delivered his findings on 21 August 2020.

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 to the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible minister named in the response.

Recommendation 1

The Queensland Police Service and the Mackay Regional Council undertake steps to identify areas of high risk and look at upgrading existing street lighting, or adding additional street lighting, where required and installing additional CCTV facilities to capture people's movements

On 11 May 2021 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

The Queensland Police Service will meet with the Mackay Regional Council to discuss the coroner's recommendation.

On 1 December 2021 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

The Mackay Regional Council is leading a project to review the existing street lighting and CCTV facilities in the area because the Mackay Regional Council has responsibility for these assets. The Queensland Police Service will support the Mackay Regional Council with advice on the project to review street lighting and CCTV facilities in the area to improve community safety.

To date, the Queensland Police Service Mackay District Crime Prevention Unit has:

- established a rapport with engineering and facilities from the Mackay Regional Council to discuss crime prevention and identify areas of high risk and street lighting in the area
- shared information on crime prevention theories with the Mackay Regional Council to improve existing street lighting and CCTV footage across the Mackay central business district to ensure public safety
- delivered presentations on the Queensland Police Service Safer Living, personal safety, CCTV footage access and the theory behind crime prevention to local businesses and community groups in the area.