

Inquest into the death of Paige Erin Jones

Paige Erin Jones died on 3 July 2018 as a result of injuries caused in a single vehicle motorcycle accident. The coroner investigated whether Ms Jones's companion was the rider or the pillion passenger at the time of the accident.

Deputy State Coroner John Lock delivered his findings of inquest on 6 March 2020.

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

Recommendation 1

Given the obvious benefits of having body worn camera footage available, I recommend the Queensland Police Service consider whether the manual regarding steps to be taken at the scene of fatal crashes should be amended to include a direction or encouragement to police officers with a body worn camera to activate these upon arrival at the scene to capture as much evidence as possible.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 2 October 2020 the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services responded:

The Queensland Police Service updated section 4.4 of the *Digital electronic recording of interviews and evidence manual* to ensure police officers, who are allocated body worn cameras, commence recording when arriving at the scene of a significant event which includes fatal traffic accidents.