

Inquest into the death of Andrew John Thwaites

Andrew John Thwaites died on 10 August 2016 from carbon monoxide poisoning whilst scuba diving in Moreton Bay. The poisoning caused Mr Thwaites to lose consciousness and drown. The source of carbon monoxide was Mr Thwaite's air cylinder which was filled using a poorly maintained air compressor.

Brisbane Coroner Christine Clements delivered her findings of inquest on 24 July 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 departments 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 3

The Queensland Police Service Dive Squad be equipped with suitable initial testing device/capability of air quality, prior to formal testing.

Response and action: implementation of the recommendation is in progress.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 2 May 2019 the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective services responded:

The Queensland Police Service Dive Squad engaged with multiple key stakeholders in relation to an air quality testing device.

The Dive Squad will meet with the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Scientific Branch to discuss suitable air quality testing devices. The outcomes of this meeting will determine the next steps.