

Inquest into the death of Lee Edward Parker

Lee Edward Parker died on 19 August 2016 at the Lake Atkinson Waterfront Park in an on-site bus that had been converted into a dwelling. Mr Parker died from smoke inhalation and the effects of fire. The coroner was unable to determine the source and origin of the fire but commented that human intervention, either intentional or accidental, appears the most likely.

Deputy State Coroner John Lock delivered his findings of inquest on 20 February 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 departments 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 issue of mandatory installation of smoke alarms in new and existing moveable dwellings — including on-site and park vans — be considered, consistent with the current legislation in place in New South Wales.

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

Responsible agency: Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.

On 21 September 2020 the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships responded:

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services is developing options for consideration.

On 16 March 2021 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services commenced a review of this matter which will consider the applicability of the New South Wales legislation for the Queensland context.

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

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services is undertaking a review of this matter which will consider the applicability of the New South Wales legislation in the Queensland context.

On 21 April 2022 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services is continuing the review of this matter in line with the coroner's recommendation.