

Inquest into the death of Logan Dreier

Logan Drier died on 9 August 2019 from multiple injuries he sustained when he was ejected from the vehicle he was driving after it crashed during a police pursuit.

Deputy State Coroner Jane Bentley delivered her findings of inquest on 14 October 2021.

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 Queensland Police Service continue and expedite the review currently in progress to consider the Safe Driving and Pursuit Policy. This review could consider whether the threshold for what is a pursuable matter needs to be heightened from simply an indictable offence.

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

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 23 June 2022 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

The Queensland Police Service established a Safe Driving Working Group with key stakeholders from across the service to expedite the review of the Safe Driving and Pursuit Policy. The working group will continue to expeditiously review the Safe Driving and Pursuit Policy.

Recommendation 2

The Queensland Police Service consider the introduction of practical scenario-based pursuit refresher training to be provided to all officers at regular intervals. Such training needs to provide officers with the skills to conduct the necessary risk assessments per the pursuit policy under stressful and difficult conditions and effectively utilise police communications.

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

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 23 June 2022 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

The Queensland Police Service's People Capability Command is in the initial stages of developing new police pursuits training that encompasses remote online learning reinforced with scenario-based practical training. The intention of the new training is to address practical decision-making when presented with various real-life scenarios regarding the decision to pursue or not to pursue. This new and ongoing in-service training will supplement existing recruit driver training sessions which provides theoretical and practical components including familiarity with pursuit policy and the safe driving, decision-making and communication techniques during a police pursuit.

Recommendation 3

The Queensland Police Service consider branding the bonnets and roofs of police vehicles with their call signs to assist in identification by PoIAir personnel.

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

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 23 June 2022 the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

In February 2022, multiple key stakeholders from across the Queensland Police Service including PoIAir, Communications, Frontline and Digital Division, and Fleet Management met to discuss the technical, logistical and operational requirements of branding the bonnets of police vehicles and call signs.

Queensland Police Service stakeholders will continue to collaborate on this recommendation.