

Inquest into the death of Scott Anthony Bennett

Scott Anthony Bennett died from injuries caused when the motor vehicle he was driving was impacted by a jack-knifing road train which crossed into his path on the Warrego Highway, near Jondaryn.

Deputy State Coroner John Lock handed down his findings of inquest on 5 June 2014.

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. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible agency named in the response.

Recommendation 1

The Department of Transport and Main Roads proceed with the design and construction of a channelised right turn at the intersection of the Warrego Highway and the Jondaryn Mount Tyson Road with priority.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Department of Transport and Main Roads.

On 22 September 2015, the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply responded:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads improved skid resistance at the intersection of the Warrego Highway and the Jondaryn-Mount Tyson Road until intersection improvements were implemented.

In 2014 a channelised right turn lane (eastbound) and a channelised left turn lane (westbound) at the intersection was completed.

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I intend to provide information gained from the investigation and inquest, particularly relating to the servicing and maintenance of the road train in question, to the Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland in accordance with s. 48 of the *Coroners Act 2003*.

Response and action: the comment is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Treasury.

On 12 September 2015, the Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships responded:

The Office of Industrial Relations Queensland considered the information provided by the coroner and instigated a comprehensive investigation into whether certain entities referred to in the coroner's findings may have failed to perform duties required under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

The Office of Industrial Relations Queensland investigation into the death of Mr Bennett has been completed and although did not identify contravention of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*,

additional evidence gathered during the Workplace Health and Safety Queensland investigation is being referred to the Queensland Police Service for their consideration.