

**Inquest into the death of a prisoner known as SVE**

On 24 May 2021, State Coroner Terry Ryan delivered his findings into the death in custody of a 43 year old prisoner known as SVE. SVE died at the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre as a result of hanging. On the same day, the state coroner also delivered his findings of inquest into the death of Dylon James Ahquee, who died in a separate incident as a result of hanging at the Townsville Correctional Centre.

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 department 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 Government publish annual updates detailing its strategy for the implementation of safer cells and progress against that strategy.

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

Responsible agency: Queensland Corrective Services

The Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services responded:

Queensland Corrective Services acknowledge the recommendation and the matter is under consideration.

**On 31 May 2022 the Commissioner of Queensland Corrective Services responded:**

Queensland Corrective Services is developing a document which will detail the implementation of safer cells strategy and will provide a progress update against the strategy. Subject to approval the document will be published on the Queensland Corrective Services website.

Queensland Corrective Services will finalise the document and publish the document on the agency website. An annual progress update will also be published.