

Inquest into the death of Casey Lenard Brown

Casey Lenard Brown died on 16 February 2016 due to injuries received in a single vehicle bus rollover accident where Mr Brown, as a passenger, was unrestrained. The bus left the road and rolled onto its side before slowing to a stop.

Central Coroner David O'Connell delivered his findings of inquest on 16 December 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 state government implement within one year a requirement that buses on route services must have compliant lap/sash seatbelts fitted for each passenger seat for every newly manufactured bus entering service after 1 December 2022, and that within an appropriate horizon timeline (of 10 or 12 years) for any remaining buses to be made lap/sash seatbelt compliant or that bus is retired from route services.

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

Responsible agency: Department of Transport and Main Roads.

On 24 May 2022 the Minister for Transport and Main Roads responded:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is considering the recommendation and will provide reporting updates as required.

On 16 November 2022 the Minister for Transport and Main Roads responded:

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is undertaking a review of the implications of the recommendation, including potential options for consideration of the Queensland Government. It will provide reporting updates as required.

Subject to the outcomes of the review, legislation and contractual changes may be required, as well as consultation with stakeholders. These matters are complex and are unable to be implemented within one year as recommended.