

Inquest into the death of Michael George Parkes

Michael George Parkes died on 31 July 2016 from chest injuries sustained in a motorcycle collision on Old Gympie Road at Mount Mellum. Mr Parkes took evasive action on his motorcycle to prevent a collision with another vehicle which had slowed suddenly to allow an intercepted vehicle to re-enter traffic. Mr Parkes braked heavily, clipped the vehicle in front of him and collided with the rear end of a police vehicle parked in a residential driveway at the side of the road.

State Coroner Terry Ryan delivered his findings of inquest on 12 November 2018.

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Recommendation 1

The Queensland Police Service give consideration to the inclusion in section 15.4.2 of the *Operational procedures manual* more specific guidance to officers with respect to the safe location of interception sites, including the need to have regard to the distances required for vehicles to stop safely when travelling at the speed limit for the relevant section of road.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 2 May 2019 the Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective services responded:

The Queensland Police Service amended section 15.4.2 of the *Operational procedures manual* to include more specific guidance about interception sites. The amendments will be published in mid-2019.