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Dear Attorney

On 30 November 2023, NSW Deputy State Coroner Magistrate Joan Baptie finalised the inquest into the death of Jacob Daniel Carr. The Deputy State Coroner made the following recommendation to the Commissioner of Police:

Consideration be given to amending the Critical Incident Guidelines to provide instruction that where a Duty Officer is presented with immediate resourcing constraints that would prevent the separation of involved officers in strict compliance with the terms of the Critical Incident Guidelines, the Duty Officer should consider what alternative means may be available to meet the intent of the guidelines to ensure the integrity of the involved officers subsequent evidence, for example by ensuring any body worn cameras worn by the officers or relevant in-car-video are kept operational and recording until they are able to be properly separated in accordance with the Guidelines.

In response to the Deputy State Coroner's recommendation, I can advise that the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) supports the recommendation for additional instructions to be included in the Duty Officer Checklist and training for inspectors on duty to guide decision making.

These changes which will be considered as part of a NSWPF's review of the Critical Incident Guidelines. The NSWPF also recognises the need to satisfy the Critical Incident Guidelines requirements in relation to 'officer welfare' and 'separation of officers'.

Yours sincerely

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