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Dear Attorney

On 16 June 2023, NSW Deputy State Coroner Magistrate E Kennedy finalised the inquest into the death of Brandon Clark. The Deputy State Coroner made the following recommendations:

- 1. That the NSW Commissioner of Police conduct a review of available water rescue equipment at Manning Great Lakes Police District, and give consideration as to whether any further equipment should be made available to Police.*
- 2. That the Commissioner give consideration as to whether any policy or training should be developed to guide police in relation to engaging in water rescues.*

I can advise that the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) supports the recommendations and responses to each are detailed below.

Recommendation 1:

A review of available equipment at the Manning/Great Lakes Police District has resulted in four additional Angel Ring Lifebuoys being distributed to sector stations.

Recommendation 2:

The NSWPF has a number of courses in the learning management system that relate to police and flood safety including an Emergency Exercise Toolkit, Flood Safety Microlearn Video and the Six Minute Intensive Training on Police Safety During Flood Operations.

As an outcome of the 2022 NSW Government Flood Inquiry, the State Rescue Board established a Flood Rescue Audit Implementation Working Group which is reviewing flood rescue training levels concurrently through the Flood Rescue Training Working Group and the development of the NSW State Emergency Service Flood Rescue Awareness Training Package. I understand that following endorsement by the State Rescue Board, this Package will be made available to all agencies involved in rescue operations (including the NSWPF) and will incorporate teachings about the risks associated with water rescues.

Yours sincerely

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Commissioner of Police

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