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Ms Ros Fogliani
State Coroner
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Dear Ms Fogliani

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 June 2016, concerning the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Aaron Genovese.

I am advised Western Australia Police have reviewed and considered the recommendations in relation to this matter.

I understand a revised Emergency Driving Policy and training implementation plan has been approved by WA Police with the new policy and associated training packages to be implemented in October 2016.

This Policy and Guideline has a specific reference to address the increased risk in pursuing motorcycles.

Whilst the governance framework around the policy remains the same, the new policy streamlines the risk assessments to provide a clearer framework that directs officers to key focus areas for their rolling risk assessments.

Each policy has its own specific risk assessment framework, with the Intercept Driving (formerly Pursuit Emergency Driving) policy utilizing the POET framework.

The 'POET' risk assessment framework applicable to Intercept Driving includes:

- **Police Considerations** such as Driver Qualifications and Vehicle Class.
- **Other Options** includes considerations such as 'Could Police Air Wing be utilized to maintain target contact rather than vehicles performing intercept driving?' and 'Is the identity of the target known and could they be apprehended in a safer manner at a later time?'
- **Environment** including location, circumstances, weather and road conditions, and pedestrians.
- **Target Considerations**, including the seriousness of the offence, risk of continued offending, risk to the general public including vulnerable persons and the risk to life if the response is delayed. The **increased risk in pursuing motorcyclists** is also addressed specifically as "Consider elevated risk to motorcycles" in this part of the risk assessment.

In all WA Police training courses dealing with emergency driving, WA Police place a particular emphasis on the increased inherent risk of intercepting and pursuing motorcycles.

Knowledge of risk assessments has been identified as a critical assessable component of the Emergency Driving Training Package. The Training Package has been completed and specifically addresses the elevated risks to motorcyclists within the risk analysis relating to evade-police, intercept driving.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information clarifies the position of WA Police.

Yours sincerely

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