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Ms Ros Fogliani
State Coroner
Level 10, Central Law Courts
501 Hay Street
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Fogliani

INQUEST INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF MICHAEL KEITH GRAHAM

Thank you for your correspondence of 13 January 2013 concerning the State Coroner's recommendation contained in the findings from the Inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Michael Keith Graham.

As Minister for Police, I can advise that the Western Australia Police have reviewed and considered the recommendation in respect to this matter.

Recommendation

WAPOL consider ongoing negotiation with the Department of Mines and Petroleum in educating prospective prospectors of the benefits of carrying a Personal Location Beacon when travelling in remote Australia.

WA Police consider travelling and prospecting in remote Australia similar to travelling on the ocean. It is a legislative requirement for private boat owners to carry a Personal Location Beacon (PLB) when travelling further than two nautical miles from the coast of Western Australia. Failure to do so can result in the issue of an infringement.

The WA Police Emergency Management Unit will work with the Department of Mines and Petroleum to develop an educational strategy to promote the use of PLB by prospectors when in remote areas thereby increasing the chances of being located should they become lost.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**LIZA HARVEY MLA
MINISTER FOR POLICE; TOURISM;
ROAD SAFETY; WOMEN'S INTERESTS**

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