



**STATE CORONER'S COURT
OF NEW SOUTH WALES**

Inquest: Inquest into the disappearance and suspected death of AA

Hearing dates: 22-24 October 2018 (Byron Bay Local Court)

Date of findings: 30 November 2018

Place of findings: NSW State Coroner's Court, Glebe

Findings of: Magistrate Harriet Grahame, Deputy State Coroner

Catchwords: CORONIAL LAW – missing person, manner and cause of death, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

File numbers: 2016/00099433

Representation: Mr A Creagh (Sergeant) Advocate assisting the Coroner

Mr M Lynch instructed by Mr J Vijayaraj, Avant Law for Dr G Pearson and Dr James Boyd

Mr J Rule for the Civil Aviation Authority (CASA)

Mr J Priestly SC instructed by Ms B Crane, Crane Paskins Law for the family

Non Publication order

The detailed reasons for these findings are subject to a non-publication order pursuant to section 75 of the Coroners Act 2009 (NSW).

Findings:

The findings I make under section 81(1) of the *Coroners Act 2009* (NSW) are:

Identity

The person who died was AA.

Date of death

He died on March 21 2016.

Place of death

He died in the Pacific Ocean, approximately 10-15 kilometres northeast of Cape Byron NSW.

Cause of death

His exact cause of death remains undetermined.

Manner of death

[REDACTED]

Recommendations pursuant to section 82 Coroners Act 2009

I make the following recommendations to the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

1. That CASA give consideration to seeking an amendment of the indemnity currently provided in regulation 67.140 of the *Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998* (CASR) to provide indemnification for a wider range of good faith reporting in relation medical fitness by a broader range of persons.
2. That CASA undertake to liaise with the Commonwealth Minister for Human Services to determine whether there is basis upon which it can appropriately share Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescribing information and Medical Benefits Scheme (MBS) information relating to persons who apply for the issue of a medicate certificate under Part 67 of the CASR.

Magistrate Harriet Grahame
Deputy State Coroner
30 November 2018
NSW State Coroner's Court, Glebe