

## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COURT DETAILS

Court State Coroner's Court of NSW  
Case number 415/08

### PROCEEDINGS

Inquest into the death of **Julia McLean**  
Hearing dates 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010  
Date of findings 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010  
Place of findings Dubbo Coroner's Court, Brisbane Street, Dubbo 2830  
Findings of Deputy State Coroner, Magistrate Hugh Dillon

### FINDINGS

I find that Julia McLean died at Walgett, New South Wales on 16 November 2007 of Acute Necrotising Pulmonary Disease, probably Goodpasture's Syndrome, which manifested itself while she was working as a shearing hand.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that the Workcover Authority of NSW produce and disseminate through appropriate sheep industry bodies, such as the Shearing Contractors Association, the Australian Workers' Union, the Farmers Federation of NSW, Farmsafe NSW, Farmsafe Australia and rural TAFE Colleges, an industry alert or fact sheet incorporating the content of Section 12 of the Workcover Health and Safety at Work (2002) Guide for the shearing industry in relation to Emergency Response and First Aid.
2. I recommend that the Workcover Authority of NSW consider regulating to require owners of active sheep shearing sheds to display signs outlining emergency response procedures and the location of first aid kits and emergency communications.
3. I recommend that the Shearing Contractors Association of NSW, Farmsafe NSW, Farmsafe Australia, the NSW Farmers' Federation and Australian Workers' Union advise shearing contractors of the desirability of training at least one member of their teams in the provision of First Aid, and of the need to alert members of their teams as to the locations of First Aid facilities and to identify to all members of their teams a means of communication with emergency services in the event of emergencies.

### REPRESENTATION

Assisting the coroner Ms P. Dwyer (Barr), Counsel Assisting the Coroner, instructed by Ms Julia Catanzariti (Sol) Crown Solicitors Office.

Representing the family Mr C. Winneke (Barr) on behalf of the family.

Other parties

Mr R. Reitano (Barr) instructed by Mr D.Allen (Sol),  
WorkCover NSW on behalf of WorkCover NSW.  
Mr D. Day (Barr) on behalf of Ratima, Percy and Penelope  
Poka.

**REASONS FOR FINDINGS**

**SIGNATURE**

Signature

Name

Hugh Dillon

Capacity

Deputy State Coroner - Magistrate

Date

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010