

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COURT DETAILS

Court State Coroner's Court of NSW
Case number 1666/10

PROCEEDINGS

Inquest into the death of **Ethan CORLESS**
Hearing dates 16/05/2011
Date of findings 16/05/2011
Place of findings State Coroner's Court sitting at Parramatta Local Court,
12 George Street, Parramatta
Findings of Deputy State Coroner Paul MacMahon

FINDINGS

Ethan Corless (born 6 January 2008) died on 10 July 2010 at Westmead Children's Hospital, Westmead. The cause of his death was: hypoxic ischaemic encephalopathy (due to) cardiac arrests (following) drowning in a swimming pool at his home on 6 July 2010

RECOMMENDATIONS

To the Minister for Local Government (as Minister responsible for the Swimming Pools Act 1992)

1. That all private swimming pools and surrounding pool fencing be required to become compliant with Australian Standard 1926.2 - 2007 (AS 1926.2 - 2007) within three years.
2. That private pool owners be required within three years to provide to the relevant Local Government Authority (LGA) certification of compliance with AS 1926.2 and that thereafter such certification is required to be provided every second year.
3. That within three years each LGA be required to establish, and thereafter maintain, a register of private swimming pools within their jurisdiction.
4. That each LGA develop and undertake a system of compliance audits of private swimming pools within the jurisdiction of the LGA.
5. That the Swimming Pools Act 1992 be amended to provide substantial penalties for failure on the part of owners of private swimming pools to comply with the safety provisions of the Act.

REPRESENTATION

Assisting the coroner Sergeant Korneluk - Police Advocate
Other parties Jason Lazarus instructed by Christopher Gough and Belinda Gough on behalf of Parramatta City Council

SIGNATURE

Signature
Name Magistrate Paul MacMahon
Capacity Deputy State Coroner
Date 19 May 2011