

## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### COURT DETAILS

Court	State Coroner's Court of NSW
Case number	187/08

### PROCEEDINGS

Inquest into the death of	<b>Francesco FROIO</b>
Hearing dates	7-9/03/2011
Date of findings	12/07/2011
Place of findings	State Coroner's Court, Parramatta. NSW
Findings of	Magistrate Dillon

### FINDINGS

I find that Francesco FROIO died on 16 February 2008 at Liverpool Hospital, Liverpool, NSW due to MDMA toxicity as a result of voluntarily ingesting that drug.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### To The Commissioner of NSW Police Force

I recommend that the NSW Police Force consider amending the NSW Police Force Handbook, where it relates to the destruction of prohibited drugs, to give effect to the following:

Where a prohibited drug has been implicated in a death, an order for the destruction of relevant drug exhibits should only be made after consultation with:

1. The Officer in Charge of the investigation; and
2. The Registry of the Office of the NSW State Coroner.

#### To NSW Department of Health (Divisional of Analytical Laboratories and Department of Forensic Medicine).

I recommend that a protocol be drawn up for identifying cases in which there has been an unusual or unexpected toxicology result, to ensure that such cases are drawn to the attention of:

1. The Officer in Charge of the Investigation; and,
2. The Registry of the Office of the NSW State Coroner.

**To NSW Department of Health (Divisional of Analytical Laboratories and Department of Forensic Medicine).**

I recommend that, where a prohibited drug has been implicated in a death, analysis of any relevant drug exhibits should include the composition and purity of the drug, where this is possible.

**To NSW Department of Health (Divisional of Analytical Laboratories and Department of Forensic Medicine).**

I recommend that procedures should be developed for identifying in toxicology results the presence of, and, where detected, the quantity of paramethoxyamphetamine (PMA).

**REPRESENTATION**

Assisting the coroner	Mr B Thomson
Representing the family	Mr Harris
Other parties	NSW Police Force – Mr Biggins

**SIGNATURE**

Signature	
Name	Magistrate Dillon
Capacity	Deputy State Coroner
Date	4 February 2012