

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

COURT DETAILS

Court State Coroner's Court of NSW
Case number 239/09

PROCEEDINGS

Inquest into the death of **Tekiesha LOPES-KRISTEN**
Hearing dates 21/03/11
Date of findings 21/03/11
Place of findings State Coroner's Court, 44-46 Parramatta Rd, Glebe
Findings of DSC MacMahon

FINDINGS

Tekiesha Lopes-Kristen (born 23 August 2002) died on 24 January 2009 at the Children's Hospital Westmead in the State of New South Wales. The cause of her death was Hypoxic Ischaemic Brain Injury that she suffered as a result of her submersion in a pool at 9 Booree Crescent Wattle on 22 January 2009.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To: The Minister for Fair Trading

That all retailers of inflatable or portable pools that can be set up at home for personal use and which are capable of holding water over 300mm deep be required by law to inform the purchaser thereof that the safety provisions of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 apply to such pools and that, in particular, such pools must be fenced.

To: The Minister for Human Services

That an understanding of the safety provisions of the Swimming Pools Act 1992 be included as part of the training of community service officers who undertake client home visits as part of their duties.

REPRESENTATION

Assisting the coroner Advocate Korneluk
Other parties Community Services – Ms Salachino

SIGNATURE

Signature
Name Magistrate MacMahon
Capacity DSC Coroner
Date 19 April 2011