

FORM 37

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FINDING INTO DEATH WITH INQUEST

Section 67 of the Coroners Act 2008

Court reference: 4538/09

Inquest into the Death of KASEY BELLA STARR GOWER-MOYLE

Delivered On:	20th January 2011
Delivered At:	Melbourne
Hearing Dates:	24th June 2010 and 20th January 2011
Findings of:	Iain Treloar West
Place of death:	Royal Children's Hospital
SCAU:	LSC Greig McFarlene

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In the Coroners Court of Victoria at Melbourne
I, Iain Treloar West, Deputy State Coroner

having investigated the death of:

Details of deceased:

Surname: GOWER-MOYLE
First name: KASEY
Address: 2/44 William Street, St Albans

AND having held an inquest in relation to this death on 24th June 2010 and the 20th January 2011

at Melbourne

find that the identity of the deceased was KASEY BELLA STARR GOWER-MOYLE
and death occurred on the 18th September, 2009

at Royal Children's Hospital, 50 Flemington Road, Parkville 3052

from:

1a. Spinal Muscular Atrophy - Type 1

in the following circumstances:

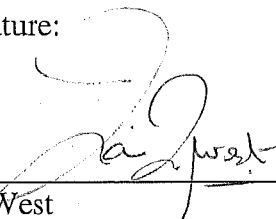
1. Kasey was born at Sunshine Hospital on the 20th September 2008 and approximately a week later, was taken home by her parents, Tania Gower and Allan Moyle. In March 2009 she was diagnosed with terminal spinal muscular atrophy and for a period of time received treatment at home from palliative care nursing staff. On the 30th April 2009 she was admitted to the Royal Children's Hospital as she required 24 hour care, with naso gastric feeding, regular suctioning and morphine drug therapy. Kasey's parents resided with her at the hospital which created tensions that led to regular professional meetings between them and medical staff. As issues could not be resolved, Department of Human Services (DHS) child protection staff became involved, in order to determine Kasey's medical status and to ensure an appropriate treatment regime.

2. On the 18th August 2009, Kasey's parents left the hospital and on the 20th removed her in order to care for her at home. They believed that they had been mistreated and misjudged by hospital staff and that Kasey was happiest in her own home environment. This action resulted in DHS being notified and the issuing of an Interim Accommodation Order, which resulted in Kasey being returned to hospital care. The Department's intervention was procedural, with the parents also returning to reside at the hospital. Further interim orders were issued following a

number of court appearances, with these orders leading to Kasey remaining "in care" until her death on the 18th September, 2009.

3. I formally find that Kasey Gower-Moyle died of natural causes on the 18th September 2009 at the Royal Children's Hospital and whilst in the care of the Department of Human Services.

Signature:



Iain West
Deputy State Coroner
Date: 20th January, 2011

