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Dear Mr Stafford

I refer to your letter dated 12 June 2016 to the Deputy State Coroner requesting an inquest into the death of Miss Leanne Sarah Holland. The Office of the State Coroner has referred your letter to me for my consideration. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I have given careful consideration to your request.

In reaching my decision, I have considered the provisions of the *Coroners Act 1958*, which is the relevant legislation in this particular case. The primary factor I am required to take into account in considering a request to direct the holding of an inquest, is whether it is in the public interest to hold an inquest, into the death of Miss Holland.

In determining whether the public interest test is satisfied, I require cogent, reliable evidence or new evidence, sufficient to persuade me that holding of an inquest is in the public interest.

After consideration all of the issues you raised in your letter, I have determined the information you have provided does not persuade me that it would be in the public interest for an inquest to be held. Therefore, I have decided not to direct the State Coroner to hold an inquest into the death of Miss Holland at this time.

I note that you have made allegations of police misconduct in your letter. You may wish to consider referring these allegations to the Crime and Corruption Commission (the Commission).

Information about how to report corrupt conduct or police misconduct to the Commission can be obtained from the Commission's website at: <http://www.ccc.qld.gov.au/>.

The contact details for the Commission are:

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