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Ms Joanne Zorafa
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Dear Ms ~~Zorafa~~

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 March 2023 in which you sought that a coronial inquest be held into the circumstances of the death of Ms Leanne Sarah Holland.

I have carefully considered your request. For completeness, I note that the *Coroners Act 2003* (Coroners Act) applies to deaths which occurred prior to the commencement of the Coroners Act. I have discretionary power under the Coroners Act to direct the State Coroner to conduct an investigation or inquest.

Despite several extensive investigations by the Queensland Police Service and continued media attention regarding the death of Ms Holland, no new or compelling evidence has been found to date. As a result, I do not consider that it is in the public interest for me to direct the State Coroner to hold an inquest or conduct an investigation, as there appears to be no new evidence for the State Coroner to consider or that would answer the questions that remain open about Ms Holland's death. While I appreciate that there is public interest in determining the circumstances and assigning responsibility for Ms Holland's death, that must be weighed against what can be achieved by an investigation or inquest where there is no new evidence that has not already been considered in the extensive investigations and legal processes already undertaken in this matter.

I understand that this will not be the outcome you had hoped for. However, if you have knowledge of any new evidence or information regarding Ms Holland's death, I recommend that you contact the Queensland Police Service.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Fentiman'.

Shannon Fentiman MP
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