



MAGISTRATES COURT of TASMANIA

CORONIAL DIVISION

Record of Investigation into Death (Without Inquest)

Coroners Act 1995
Coroners Rules 2006
Rule 11

I, Simon Cooper, Coroner, having investigated the death of Peter Andrew Healey

Find, pursuant to Section 28(1) of the Coroners Act 1995, that

- a) The identity of the deceased is Peter Andrew Healey;
- b) Mr Healey died as a result of injuries sustained by him as the driver in a single motor vehicle crash. The crash occurred when the vehicle driven by him left the Bass Highway near Christmas Hills. Mr Healey was not licensed to drive a motor vehicle. He had never held a motor vehicle license. Toxicological analysis samples taken from his body at autopsy showed he was driving with a combination of methylamphetamine, THC (the active constituent of the illicit drug cannabis), diazepam and lorazepam in his system. Any of those drugs alone are capable of having a significant effect on driving. Mr Healey was travelling at a minimum speed of 140 km when he lost control of his vehicle;
- c) The cause of Mr Healey's death was blunt trauma of head; and
- d) Mr Healey died on 16 January 2022 at Christmas Hills, Tasmania.

Mr Healey's death resulted directly from excessive speed and inattention on his part. I am satisfied that his driving was significantly impaired by prescription and illicit drugs.

The car he was driving was mechanically sound, the weather at the time of the crash was fine and the road surface in good repair.

No other person caused or contributed to the happening of the crash.

The crash which caused Mr Healey's death was entirely his own fault.

Comments and Recommendations

I express my thanks to First Class Constable Nigel Housego for his investigation and report.

The circumstances of Mr Healey's death are not such as to require me to make any comments or recommendations pursuant to Section 28 of the *Coroners Act 1995*.

Dated: 7 July 2022 at Hobart in the State of Tasmania.

Simon Cooper
Coroner