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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

I refer to e-Petition 4229-25 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 26 August 2025 titled *Coronial Inquest into the disappearance of Bruce Gavin Schuler*.

I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the friends and family of Mr Bruce Schuler. The death of a loved one in any circumstance is deeply saddening and are made even more tragic with the circumstances surrounding Bruce's death, which have caused much distress to his family and the broader community.

The petitioners are seeking a coronial inquest into the disappearance of Mr Schuler to enable the testing of evidence brought against Ms Dianne Wilson-Struber during her trial.

The discretion afforded to the Attorney-General under the *Coroners Act 2003* (Coroners Act) to direct an inquest into a death is usually only exercised in extraordinary circumstances when it is in the public interest to do so.

I am advised that the Northern Coroner has already considered the holding of an inquest and decided against it. The Northern Coroner was able to make findings due to the preceding extensive police investigation and criminal proceedings.

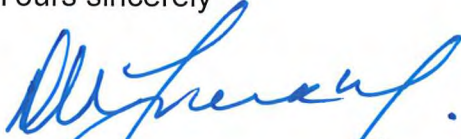
I understand there have already been criminal proceedings, including a decision of the Court of Appeal, which considered the appeal grounds such as alternative hypotheses of the defendants' involvement.

As there is unlikely to be a different finding from what has already been made by the Coroner, and there are relevant finalised criminal proceedings, it cannot be said to be in the public interest to direct an inquest.

I do not intend to direct an inquest into Mr Schuler's death at this time. I note that under the Coroners Act an application may also be made to the State Coroner for an inquest to be held.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely



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