



**Coroner's Court**  
of New South Wales

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## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

*Coroners Act 2009, sections 81 & 82. Form 17*

Case number 2010/00433604  
Inquest into the death of CHRISTINE CRICKITT

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Hearing Dates 16 May 2011, 17 May 2011, 18 May 2011, 19 May 2011,  
20 May 2011, 05 December 2011, 07 December 2011,  
08 December 2011  
Date of Findings 8 December 2011  
Place of Findings NSW State Coroners Court  
Coroner Magistrate Mary Jerram, State Coroner

### Findings:

That Christine Crickitt died either on the evening of 31 December 2009 or the early hours of 1 January 2010 at Woodbine but the evidence has not allowed either the cause or the manner of her death to be determined.

### Recommendations:

To the Minister for Health, to the Chief Medical Officer for Health, Dr Kerry Chant, and to the Director General of the Department of Health, Dr Mary Foley:

That consideration be given immediately to ensuring that when an autopsy is performed where the death is sudden, unexplained and possibly suspicious, the taking, storage and retention of vitreous humour and blood serum specimens is normal procedure, and that equipment including freezers capable of -20 degrees be provided to all morgues where autopsies are performed throughout New South Wales.

### Representation:

Assisting the Coroner	Mr Ian McClintock of Counsel, instructed by the Crown Solicitor's Office
Representing the Family	Unrepresented
Other Parties	Mr B Greehill of Counsel, instructed by Mr D Brown, appearing for Dr Brian

**Reasons For Findings:**

Reasons given ex tempore. Please refer to transcript.

**Signed**

Magistrate Mary Jerram  
State Coroner

**Date**

9 December 2011