



OFFICE OF THE STATE CORONER

FINDINGS OF INQUEST

CITATION: Inquest into the death of Jake Daniel Waterhouse

TITLE OF COURT: Coroners Court

JURISDICTION: Ipswich

FILE NO(s): 2014/552

DELIVERED ON: 3 August 2015

DELIVERED AT: Brisbane

HEARING DATE(s): 11 May 2015; 30 June – 1 July 2015, 15 July 2015

FINDINGS OF: John Lock, Deputy State Coroner

CATCHWORDS: Coroners: inquest, youth suicide, mental health and bipolar disorder, likely triggers for suicide

REPRESENTATION:

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NON-PUBLICATION ORDER

With reference to the previous non-publication order made by me on 30 June 2015, I make a non-publication order in terms of section 41 of the *Coroners Act 2003* prohibiting the publication of the body of these findings, but for the cover page and formal findings under s.45(2) of the Act.

SIGNED:

CORONER: John Lock – Deputy State Coroner

DATED: 3 August 2015

COURT: Coroners Court

LOCATION: Ipswich

Findings required by s. 45

Identity of the deceased – Jake Daniel Waterhouse

How he died –

Mr Waterhouse had a mental health history of bipolar disorder and anxiety. He had placed distance between himself and his biological family. He was involved in a number of complicated personal relationships in the lead up to his death. He was particularly vulnerable to making compulsive decisions and there were a number of well-known risk factors for completed suicide evident in his current circumstances. It was in that context that Mr Waterhouse died by way of suicidal hanging. There was no direct third party involvement but the indirect effects of his mental health and complicated interpersonal relationships would have been contributory to his decision.

Place of death –

Ipswich General Hospital, Chelmsford Avenue, Ipswich in the State of Queensland.

Date of death–

13 February 2014

Cause of death –

Hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy due to or as a consequence of hanging

I close the inquest.

John Lock
Deputy State Coroner
Brisbane
3 August 2015