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**Hon Reece Whitby MLA**  
**Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern**

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Dear Mr Hurley,

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 March 2026 regarding the Coronial Inquest into the death of Bailey Brian Burns.

I note State Coroner Nelson's findings and the recommendation that the Western Australia Police Force give priority to securing funding for the installation of dash camera technology in all police vehicles which may be used for emergency driving.

The recommendation made by the Coroner has been communicated to the relevant personnel at WA Police Force Asset Fleet Management, as well as the Major Crash Division, Rapid Apprehension Squad and Workforce Operations.

The WA Police Force advise dash cameras are currently fitted to vehicles operated by the Rapid Apprehension Squad and a small cohort of officers at other locations with Evade Resolution endorsement. Additionally, a project has commenced to have dash cameras with live streaming capability installed, initially in Rapid Apprehension Squad vehicles followed by class one vehicles. Following the results of the current trials and the identification of suitable devices, funding options will be explored for a wider fleet rollout.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on this matter and I trust this information clarifies the position of the WA Police Force.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line.

Reece Whitby MLA  
**MINISTER FOR POLICE**

19 MAY 2026