



Office of the ACT Chief Coroner

Coronial Practice Direction No. 1 of 2018 – Release of Bodies

This Direction is issued pursuant to section 51A(2) of the Coroners Act 1997 (“the Act”) and prescribes practices and procedures in relation to release of the bodies of deceased persons.

1. Subject to contrary direction, the jurisdiction of the ACT Coroner’s Court under section 15(3) of the Act in relation to certifying and authorising the release of the body of a deceased person will be not be exercised by a Deputy Coroner.
2. In the event that the coroner who is constituting the Court is not available to certify and authorise the release of a body of a deceased person, in accordance with section 11A of the Act, the jurisdiction of the Court under section 15(3) of the Act will be exercised by the Chief Coroner or any person acting in that role in the absence of the Chief Coroner.
3. This Guideline applies until otherwise withdrawn or revoked.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Walker'.

Lorraine Walker
Chief Coroner

Date of issue: 20 September 2018