1. In March 2010 Coroner John Hutton, Southport Magistrates Court, delivered his findings into the death of a hire and drive personal watercraft rider on 29 April 2008.

1. Coroner Hutton concluded the rider’s inexperience in personal water craft operations was the primary cause of the incident.
2. In his findings, Coroner Hutton made four marine safety recommendations relating to:

* Licensing of hire and drive personal watercraft riders.
* Personal watercraft helmet wearing.
* Improved auditing of hire and drive personal watercraft operations.
* Preparing enforcement guidelines

1. Hire and drive personal watercraft are a popular tourism activity and it is critical from a public safety perspective that the operators maintain the highest safety standards.
2. Cabinet approved the release of the Hire and Drive Personal Watercraft Safety Consultation Paper.
3. *Attachments*

* [Hire and Drive Personal Watercraft Safety Consultation Paper](Attachments/hire_drive_pwc_safety_consult_paper%5b1%5d.pdf)