

FAO MS RACHEL KNIGHT
HM CORONER – SOUTH WALES CENTRAL

Date: 25th June 2026

Dear Ms Knight

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS - SAFETY MEASURES IN 'WATERFALL COUNTRY'

I write on behalf of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC ('RCT CBC') in relation to this matter. May I firstly apologise for the delay in responding to you. May I also take the opportunity to confirm that RCT CBC recognises the tragic circumstances surrounding these deaths and extends its sincere condolences to the families and all those affected.

Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority (BBNPA) is the relevant access authority for open access land within the National Park, including those parts of RCT CBC's administrative area that fall within the National Park boundary.

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, which came into force on 28 May 2005, identifies areas of open access land in Wales where the public has a right of access on foot. The area commonly referred to as "Waterfall Country" lies entirely within the BBNPA, including Sgwd-y-Pannwr and Sgwd-y-Eira. Both waterfalls appear to fall within, or on the edge of, land mapped as open access and within land managed by Natural Resources Wales.

Enclosed are plans identifying the extent of Waterfall Country, including the areas of mapped open access land, Natural Resources Wales managed land, and the RCTCBC administrative boundary.

Separately, RCT CBC operates under a delegated agreement with BBNPA, whereby Public Rights of Way functions and associated responsibilities within the National Park boundary are discharged by the National Park Authority on the Council's behalf.

Accordingly, BBNPA is the appropriate authority in respect of the management and liability of Public Rights of Way and access land within this area, including routes providing access to the waterfalls. We have been sighted on BBNPA's response to your Regulation 28 report and are aware that it has been submitted to you. We request that response be regarded as reflecting the position of both BBNPA and RCT CBC in relation to your attached Regulation 28 report. RCT CBC will continue to work with, and support, BBNPA, Natural Resources Wales and other relevant agencies identified in BBNPA's response to implement the further actions proposed within it.

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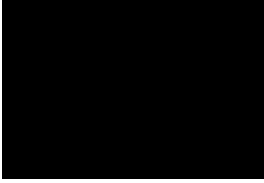
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Yours sincerely



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For and on behalf of RCT CBC

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