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	THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:
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1	CORONER
	I am Andrew Cox, the Acting Senior Coroner for the coroner area of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
2	CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS
	I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.
3	INVESTIGATION and INQUEST On 27/1/21, I concluded an inquest into the death of Aaron Antony Lauder, 38, who died in a road traffic collision on the A30 near Higher Drift Farm, Penzance.
	The medical cause of death was recorded as: 1a) Displaced Basal Skull Fracture Traversing Middle Cranial Fossa Vault with Underlying Traumatic Brain Injury Cerebral Oedema; Bilateral Rib Fractures Complicated by Flail Segment, Pneumothorax and Multiple Pulmonary Lacerations 1b) Blunt Force Head and Chest Trauma 1c) Motor vehicle collision II)
	I recorded a Conclusion of Road Traffic Collision.
4	CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH Mr Lauder was riding his Kawasaki motorbike along the A30 in an easterly direction from St Buryan towards Penzance. At the scene of the collision, a John Deere tractor was turning right in a westerly direction across Mr Lauder's path. The national speed limit of 60mph is in force at the location. The Collision Investigator recorded that there was a 'distinct lack of view to the right especially given the speed limit' available to the tractor driver. The view was similarly restricted for Mr Lauder.
5	CORONER'S CONCERNS
	During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.
	The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows.
	I concluded that the prime cause of the collision was the lack of view available to either driver at the accident locus.
6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.
	I understand you are the landowner for the particular hedge/verge in question. It seems to me an obvious first step would be for the hedge obstructing the view to be taken down.

7	YOUR RESPONSE
	You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 26 April. I, the coroner, may extend the period.
	Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.
8	COPIES and PUBLICATION
	I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: and his insurers.
	I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.
	The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.
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	01.03.21 Acting Senior Coroner