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Coroner Audrey Jamieson
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
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Dear Ms Jamieson

Re: Investigation into the death of Nicholas S Brown

Thank you for your letter of 17 August 2016 to the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Minister for Small Business, about your investigation into the death of Nicholas S Brown. The Minister's office has forwarded your findings to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for a response.

You recommended in your findings *"that the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, introduce a mandatory safety standard for barbeque type stove lighters similar to the standards applied to disposable cigarette lighters, particularly noting the need for child resistant requirements."*

We are currently consulting on the review of the mandatory safety standard for disposable cigarette lighters. Our review also seeks stakeholder views about whether we should develop a regulatory proposal for multi-purpose lighters (including barbeque type stove lighters). The consultation closes soon on 9 December 2016 and is accessible at consultation.accc.gov.au/product-safety/review-of-the-mandatory-safety-standard-for-dispos. We have attached a copy of the consultation paper to this letter.

Following our analysis of submissions to the consultation, we will make recommendations to the Minister, who is the final decision maker. Our advice to the Minister on multi-purpose lighters will include our consideration of findings from your inquest.

Thank you for the opportunity to consider your recommendations. We will keep you informed as the review progresses.

Yours sincerely

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Consumer Product Safety Branch