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Dear Coroner

Thank you for your letter highlighting the findings of your investigation and recommendation for the Victorian Government to improve public swimming pool operations.

Your aim to promote public swimming pool safety is currently being addressed by the Victorian Government through:

- education and awareness activities provided under the *Watch around Water* program to ensure appropriate supervision of young children at public swimming pools;
- low-cost swimming lessons to primary school children under the *VicSwim* program;
- the introduction of swimming as a mandatory part of the Victorian primary school curriculum; and
- regulatory oversight provided by WorkSafe to ensure that public pool owners and operators meet their duty of care to both employees and members of the public.

Your specific recommendation to establish a central oversight and regulation body for public swimming pool operation has budgetary implications and will be considered in the context of the 2017–18 budget.

I will write to you further once those budget deliberations have concluded.

If you have any questions, please contact David Latina, Executive Director in the Economic Development and International Branch. You can reach Mr Latina on (03) 9651 6811 or david.latina@dpc.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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