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Mikaela Meggetto  
Coroner's Registrar  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh Street  
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Mikaela

**Re: Investigation into the death of Devlin Charles Duffy**

The ACCC acknowledges your letter of 5 February 2018 with the attached 'Finding into death without inquest' for the death of Mr Devlin Duffy. We note that Mr Duffy's death was attributed to asphyxiation from inhalation of helium gas. The investigation in the case also considered possible contributing roles for prescribed medication and underlying conditions.

As mentioned in my letters of 11 August 2017 and 26 October 2017, the ACCC applied to the Chemical Scheduling Delegate for the introduction of scheduling for helium gas to make helium gas sold for the inflation of balloons less attractive for use in suicides. This application was considered by a joint meeting of the Advisory Committee on Chemicals and Medicines Scheduling. A separate letter explaining the outcome of that consideration has been sent to the Victorian State Coroner, Judge Sara Hinchey.

Yours sincerely

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