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Dear Ms Keating

Thank you for your letter dated 29 November 2012 and the investigating coroner's 'Finding into Death with Inquest' relating to the tragic death of Tye Norman Sunderland.

I have noted the Coroner's recommendations on page four of the decision, that "*consideration be given to amending the Building Act:-*

- a. *to require a permit before construction of the type of masonry walls and facings currently exempted by Schedule 8;*
- b. *to require a bricklayer constructing such a wall or facing to certify, in writing, that appropriate ties have been used to attach the new brickwork to suitable existing materials;*
- c. *to permit regular overall structural assessment of rental properties."*

I have written to the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Building Authority, Mr. Greg Hyams, drawing his attention to the investigating coroner's recommendations and requesting that the Victorian Building Authority consider these recommendations.

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter please contact Mr John Phillips, Director, Planning and Building Systems, Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure on (03) 9223 5344.

Yours sincerely


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