

16 December 2014

Court ref: COR 2008 1678

Our ref: FOL/12/24756



Hannah Summerhayes
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
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Dear Ms Summerhayes

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF ZANE MCLAUGHLIN

I write in response to the Coroner's finding with inquest regarding the Investigation into the death of Zane McLaughlin and the Coroner's recommendation therein.

As noted in previous correspondence to the Coroner, the Director, Transport Safety (represented by Transport Safety Victoria) is not responsible for legislative policy development; rather, this is a role of the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure.

However, as the safety regulator for maritime safety in Victoria, we support the Coroner's recommendation, specifically a review of the appropriateness of introducing a practical testing component to the State's marine licensing regime, and emphasise that Transport Safety Victoria would be a willing participant in any such review.

Please contact Samantha McMahon, Legal Counsel, on (03) 9655 8805 if you have any queries in relation to this letter.

Yours sincerely



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