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Dear Ms King

**Roy Gilbert**  
**Court Reference: 4815/06**

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February 2012 setting out the recommendations made by the Coroner, Dr Jane Hendtlass, under section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic). Racing Victoria has implemented the Coroner's recommendations, as follows:

**Recommendation 1:**  
**Racing Victoria Ltd amend the Rules of Racing relating to track work to prohibit leading horses from a vehicle on a public road**

The Rules of Racing were amended, effective 11 April 2012, to reflect the *Road Safety Road Rules Act 2009* (Vic) which provides that animals must not be led from a motor vehicle. Rules LR 35H, LR 36CA and LR 39 D have been incorporated into the Rules of Racing to stipulate that a trainer, stablehand, rider or jockey must not lead a horse from a motor vehicle.

The Rules of Racing can be accessed at  
[http://www.racingvictoria.net.au/p\\_Rules\\_of\\_Racing.aspx](http://www.racingvictoria.net.au/p_Rules_of_Racing.aspx).

**Recommendation 2:**  
**Racing Victoria Ltd implements a program of random inspection of the operations of all licensed trainers with a particular emphasis on their compliance with the Rules of Racing associated with safety**

Racing Victoria has a program of random inspection, which was implemented prior to the receipt of the Coroner's finding. Racing Victoria's practice is to conduct random inspections of all licensed trainers, through its StableSafe program, to ensure that trainers are complying with safety requirements. Racing Victoria conducts approximately 300 random inspections each year.

**Recommendation 3:**

**Racing Victoria Ltd amend the Rules of Racing to clarify the responsibilities retained by a registered trainer when they send a horse to a registered owner trainer or other registered trainer for pre-training and education without formally reporting the transfer to Racing Victoria Ltd**

The Rules of Racing were amended, effective 11 April 2012, to incorporate rule LR 35G, which relates to pre-training safety enquiries.

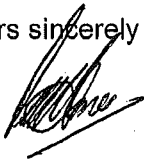
Rule LR 35G provides that a trainer must make reasonable enquiry of the pre-trainer to satisfy himself or herself that the pre-trainer will conduct pre-training and/or education of the trainer's horse in a safe manner, with the required equipment and gear, in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

In order to comply with this rule a trainer is required to complete a prescribed form, which records the inquiries made by the trainer as well as the pre-trainer's acknowledgment and acceptance that he or she will conduct the pre-training and/or education of the trainer's horse in a safe manner, with the required equipment and gear, in accordance with the Rules of Racing.

As stated above, the Rules of Racing can be accessed at [http://www.racingvictoria.net.au/p\\_Rules\\_of\\_Racing.aspx](http://www.racingvictoria.net.au/p_Rules_of_Racing.aspx).

I trust that this information satisfies your request for a response to the above recommendations.

Yours sincerely



**Rob Hines**  
**Chief Executive Officer**