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Dear Ms Shugg

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF ANTHONY F CARNEVALE – COR 2015 006555

Thank you for providing me with a copy of Coroner Paresa Antoniadis Spanos' finding into the death of Anthony Carnevale. I thank Coroner Spanos for her work and I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Mr Carnevale.

The Victorian Government considers the safety of Victorians of primary importance and supports taking appropriate action to mitigate safety incidents associated with the use and transportation of LPG cylinders.

I note the Coroner's first recommendation to Energy Safe Victoria (ESV):

Recommendation 1: "That Energy Safe Victoria consider implementation of a public awareness campaign about the need to ensure that LPG gas cylinders valves are closed whenever they are not in use, particularly when they are being transported, and that, wherever possible, they are transported in an open or vented compartment."

The Victorian Government supports this recommendation and is aware that ESV launched a new barbecue safety awareness campaign, "Know the grill before you grill", on 4 November 2018. ESV has advised that this safety campaign was expanded to include additional information on the safe transport of LPG cylinders and warnings that gas cylinder valves must be closed when not in use. The safety campaign will remain active throughout the summer of 2018-19 on ESV's website and social media.

I note the Coroner's second recommendation is to the Victorian Government.

Recommendation 2: "That in the alternative to comment 5 above¹ the Victorian government consider legislating so as to require that all LPG cylinders intended for domestic use are fitted, as a minimum, with a safety valve that will not allow the flow of gas unless the cylinder is coupled to an appliance, and, optimally, that they are also fitted with a thermal fuse or other mechanism that will prevent the flow of gas in the face of extreme heat or fire."

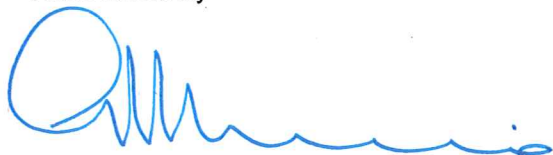
¹ Public safety would be significantly enhanced by amendment of the relevant Australian Standards (including but not limited to AS 1596 "Storage and Handling of LPG gas"; AS2030 series "The approval, fitting, inspection, testing and maintenance of cylinders for the transport of compressed gases"; AS 2473 parts 1 and 2 "Valves for compressed gas cylinders") so as to mandate the use of safety valves that will minimise the risk that a cylinder will be left inadvertently open or partially opened, particularly during transportation from one place to another."

The Victorian Government supports appropriate changes to national standards to ensure that safety valves are included on LPG leisure cylinders and is aware that Standards Australia has approved a project proposal to amend the current standards relating to LPG leisure cylinder valves and appliance connections.

Should this process not achieve the required changes, the Victorian Government will review current legislation, with input from ESV, to consider the introduction of a mandatory safety valve on all LPG leisure cylinders in Victoria.

Thank you again for writing to me regarding this important safety matter.

Yours sincerely



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