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Ms Marde Bevan  
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Dear Ms Bevan

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF ISABELLA E REES (COR 2015 000592)**

Thank you for your letter of 8 April 2019 concerning Coroner Caitlin English's finding in the inquest into the death of Isabella E Rees and her recommendation to me regarding the introduction of a General Safety Provision under the Australian Consumer Law.

I am pleased to advise that the Victorian Government endorses the introduction of a General Safety Provision, and as such is supporting the current consideration being given to this issue at the national level.

On behalf of Commonwealth, State and Territory Consumer Affairs Ministers, the Commonwealth Treasury is leading national work to develop a Regulation Impact Statement on the proposal for a General Safety Provision, which will be released for public consultation later this year.

I will continue to work closely with my ministerial colleagues across Australia to ensure the effective completion of this work.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and the Coroner.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Marlene Kairouz MP**  
Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor Regulation  
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Cc: Mr Rod Sims, Chair, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission