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Dear Ms Demasi

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF GARNI SULEMANI

Thank you for your letter dated 30 May 2011, regarding the Coroner's recommendations arising from the death of Mr Garni Sulemani.

The Victorian Government shares the Coroner's concerns regarding off-road motorcycling crashes and has given a reference to the Parliamentary Road Safety Committee to inquire into motorcycle safety, including consideration of trends in off-road motorcycle crashes and responsibilities for improving the safety of off-road riders. The Committee will provide its report in June 2012, and I will consider the matter further as part of the inquiry process.

I understand that you have sought a response to the Coroner's recommendations from Mr Gary Liddle, Chief Executive of VicRoads, under separate cover. I have been advised of Mr Liddle's response and agree with the approach that VicRoads has adopted.

As Mr Liddle notes, VicRoads will continue to work with other agencies to better understand the safety issues associated with off-road motorcycling.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to respond to the Coroner's recommendations and for the Coroners Court's continuing commitment to road safety.

Yours sincerely

Hon Terry Mulder MP
Minister for Roads

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