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Your Ref: 5335/08
Our Ref: 163604

Coroner Olle
Coroners Court of Victoria
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE 3000

Dear Sir,

Findings and Recommendation in the matter of [REDACTED]

I refer to your Findings and Recommendations in relation to the death of [REDACTED] published 6 March 2012 and confirm that WorkSafe was granted an extension of time to respond by 29 June 2012.

In relation to Recommendation 3, which is directed to WorkSafe, I advise that WorkSafe will implement the Recommendation. In so doing, WorkSafe will undertake the following education campaign, directed at construction, maintenance and service industries, to:

- highlight the risks associated with operating elevated work platforms;
- highlight the need to ensure that employees receive appropriate and adequate training, instruction and supervision in the safe operation of elevated work platforms;
- promote and recommend employers adopt the Yellow card training program or an equivalent competency;
- conduct field interventions to verify that employees are being trained in the safe operation of elevated work platforms;
- encourage employer and employee organisations to include information about the safe operation of elevated work platforms and being adequately trained in their newsletters; and
- raise the issue at foundations for safety and other relevant forums.

The education campaign will include a mail-out to relevant employer and employee stakeholders, to highlight the importance of being adequately trained to safely operate an elevated work platform, and will also provide a copy of WorkSafe's guidance note on elevated work platforms (copy attached).

WorkSafe will otherwise continue to implement its enforcement and compliance policy where non-compliance is identified.

Yours faithfully,


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