



**Australian Government**

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,  
Regional Development and Communications**

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Registrar Alice Wickett  
Victoria Coroner's Court  
65 Kavanagh Street  
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

20 MAY 2021

Dear Registrar

Thank you for your letter of 2 March 2021 to the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Michael McCormack MP, providing an opportunity to comment on the recommendations resulting from the Findings without Inquest into the death of Mr Scott James Adams (Court reference COR 2019 1005). The Deputy Prime Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf. I write in reference to recommendation one.

Firstly, I would like to express my condolences to the family and friends of Mr Adams.

The Australian Government regulates the first supply of road vehicles to the Australian Market through the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (MVSA). In 2014, the Government commenced a review of the MVSA and the findings of that review formed the basis of the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (RVSA), which will replace the MVSA upon its full implementation on 1 July 2021.

The objectives of the RVSA are to set nationally consistent performance standards for road vehicles, and to give effect to Australia's international obligations to harmonise road vehicle standards. Accordingly, the RVSA does not regulate non-road vehicles.

Additionally, the Commonwealth does not regulate individually (home) constructed vehicles, or set the framework for what vehicles may be driven/ridden on roads or road related areas. These matters are the remit of state and territory jurisdictions.

My Department would be pleased to make itself available to participate in any review of state or territory policy settings a jurisdiction wished to undertake.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maree Bridger', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Maree Bridger  
First Assistant Secretary  
Surface Transport Policy Division

13 May 2021