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Ms Marde Bevan
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By email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Ms Bevan

FINDING WITH RECOMMENDATIONS – [REDACTED] (COR 2020 005032)

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2022 enclosing Coroner Sarah Gebert's findings without inquest into the tragic death of [REDACTED] in 2020, and her recommendations for improving blind cord safety in residential rental properties.

I note Coroner Gebert's recommendations at paragraph 56 of the findings, namely that:

- a) *the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor [Regulation] considers mandating that blind cords in current residential rental properties are affixed to the wall.*
- b) *the Minister for Consumer Affairs, Gaming and Liquor [Regulation] incorporates reference to 'blind cord affixed to the wall' in its condition report for residential rental properties.*

I am pleased to advise that I have asked the Department of Justice and Community Safety to undertake preparatory work to amend the relevant regulations which will be considered by government next year.

Should you require further information regarding this response, please contact Ms Tessa Piper, Acting Executive Director, Regulation Policy and Dispute Services by email at tessa.piper@justice.vic.gov.au.

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

Yours sincerely

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