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Coroners Court of Victoria

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Dear Coroner

RE: Investigation into the death of DVR (reference: COR 2020 004470)

I note the Coroner's finding into the death of DVR and offer my condolences to his family and loved ones.

I note your recommendation that consideration be given to the potential role of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services in identifying and improving the fire safety practices of parents of young children.

My department, in conjunction with Safer Care Victoria, has statewide responsibility for MCH services. In line with your recommendation my department will work with Fire Rescue Victoria, Safer Care Victoria, Kidsafe Victoria, and other key stakeholders to embed strengthened fire safety messaging for parents and for the MCH workforces who support parents. More specifically, it is proposed that we will use the following existing information channels:

- KidSafe information resources for parents including exploring updates to the National *Making Your Home Kidsafe – A guide for parents and carers* booklet which is contained in the My Health, Learning and Development booklet provided to every child born in Victoria
- MCH newsletter to the sector and workforce
- MCH Conference
- Early Parenting Centre (EPC) bulletin to the sector and workforce

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Camilla Macdonell, Director, Maternal and Child Health and Early Parenting Unit at the Department of Health on

Yours sincerely

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