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Dear Ms Sanderson,

### **KPMG Response – Court Reference: COR 2019 000968**

I refer to your letter dated 23 September 2024 and the enclosed Form 37 – Finding following an inquest, in relation to the inquest into the death of George Diamond (**Diamond Inquest**), delivered on 19 September 2024 (**Finding**).

We refer to recommendation 1 of the Finding, which states:

*As part of DJSIR's regulatory review, being undertaken by KPMG, consideration should*

*be given to including:*

- a) *the requirements for an individual to be cleared before commencing amateur boxing/combat sports for the first time, and before returning to amateur boxing/combat sports following an injury, including whether this clearance should be obtained from a medical practitioner certified to do so; and*
- b) *as part of this review, consideration should be given to whether the current VABL Certificate of Fitness form should be enhanced, with more information given to medical practitioners.*

### **KPMG engagement**

KPMG was engaged by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions (the **Department**) to conduct a regulatory review of the professional and amateur boxing and combat sports in Victoria (**Engagement**). On 18 March 2024, KPMG signed the Purchase Order which set out the scope of the Engagement.

The scope of the Engagement involved system-level review of the powers, duties and functions of the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board, the self-regulatory approach in the amateur sector and consideration of the health and safety of contestants. As a part of the Engagement, consultations were held with individuals, peak bodies and subject matter experts involved in the professional and amateur sectors. We were aware of findings from the Inquest into the death of Shane Tuck, and were also aware of the Diamond Inquest – which occurred during the Engagement.

As suggested by State Coroner Judge Cain in his opening remarks at the Diamond Inquest, we facilitated a discussion with the Diamond family as a part of the Engagement. Vic and Shayla Diamond shared their suggestions for improving health and safety in the amateur boxing sector.

On 20 May 2024, the scope of the inquest into the death of George Diamond was finalised and on 19 September 2024 the Finding was delivered.

Our final report for the Engagement was provided to the Department on 16 October 2024.

KPMG understands that the Department is considering the findings and recommendations from the report.

If you require any further information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



**Adam Mason-Jefferies**  
Director