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Coroner Byrne
Coroners' Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTH BANK VICTORIA 3006

Dear Coroner Byrne

Finding and Recommendation in the matter of Raymond Durran COR 003862

I refer to your finding and recommendation, published in relation to the death of Raymond Durran, and sent to the Victorian WorkCover Authority ('VWA') in a letter dated 26 May 2014. In this context, you have made a recommendation that the VWA undertake a review of its Industry Standard – Safety in Forest Operations – Harvesting and Haulage, July 2007.

The VWA, like the Coroner, is concerned about the number of injuries and fatalities associated with work in the forestry industry. The VWA has identified forestry activities as high risk and as a priority, will continue to engage with industry associations to develop programs and guidance that aim to reduce fatalities and injuries.

Consistent with your recommendation, the VWA has undertaken a review of the Industry Standard and will amend the diagram on page 56 which refers to specific crown specifications.

If you have any queries, please contact Mai Pham, Lawyer – Enforcement Group on tel: 9641 1904 or email: mai_pham@vwa.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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