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Dear Ms Cohen

**CORONER'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF MR DANIEL MILES – COR 2015 000295**

Thank you for your letter to The Hon Lisa Neville MP Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change of 3 June 2016, providing Her Honour Coroner Audrey Jamison's finding into the death of Mr Daniel Miles.

Your letter has been referred to me for consideration and response as the matter falls within my portfolio responsibility.

I have instructed Fisheries Victoria to work with Life Saving Victoria, recreational fishers, VRFish, fishing media, local councils, multi-cultural groups and relevant agencies to give higher priority to this matter. I am supportive of an enhanced education and awareness program, including the deployment of additional safety measures such as angel rings in Victoria across all high risk areas.

I have further noted the Coroner's recommendation of encouraging a consistent national legislative framework. Victoria will continue to closely monitor developments in New South Wales, noting a trial of mandated life jackets is currently being undertaken at a known high risk area.

Thank you again for your letter on this important matter. If you require any further information, please contact Mr Dallas D'Silva, Director Policy and Licensing of Fisheries Victoria on (03) 8392 6846.

Yours sincerely

  
**Hon Jaala Pulford MP**  
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