

# AUSTRALIAN BUILDING CODES BOARD



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Dear Ms Stefano,

**Re: Investigation into the death of** [REDACTED]

Further to my letter of the 30 November 2016 and the extension of time provided by your office, I wish to advise that on the 14 December the Building Ministers' Forum (BMF) met and amongst other things considered matters raised in the Coroner's findings.

The BMF was also provided with initial analysis undertaken by the ABCB following its decision to prepare a considered response on this subject, enabling an informed understanding of the potential issues associated with introducing measures to prevent jumping suicides from buildings.

Ministers agreed that the ABCB's future work program would include research into possible measures to reduce jumping suicides from buildings. This research will be included in the ABCB's 2017/18 Business Plan and may involve further regulatory impact assessment, including a possible regulatory impact statement.

This aligns with the ABCB's Intergovernmental Agreement, which requires it to consider measures that are verifiable, proportional, minimum performance-based regulation and that achieve net-societal benefits.

As this work will be reported back to both the Board and the BMF, it can be anticipated that it may be some time before the ABCB responds any further to the Coroner on this matter.

Should you wish to discuss the content of this letter, you are welcome to call me on 02 62136587.

Yours sincerely



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General Manager

19 December 2016

Copy to: Mr Andrew Greer, Executive Director, Planning, Building and Heritage - DELWP

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