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Dear Mr Munro

**INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF DANIEL M MILES – COR 2015 000295**

I refer to your letter and enclosure concerning the Coroner's recommendations arising from the inquest into the death of Mr Daniel M Miles.

The health and wellbeing of all Victorians is a priority of the Victorian Government and preventing catastrophic and traumatic injury while participating in sport and recreation activities is an area of concern to the Department of Health and Human Services.

The department's *Better Health Channel* website provides advice on preventing injury while participating in many recreational activities, including fishing. The information related to rock fishing specifically encourages the wearing of a life jacket or buoyancy vest while undertaking such activity. The department's role in this area is only advisory.

I note that the Coroner has determined that Mr Miles died in circumstances that were preventable and recommended that I consider implementing regulatory actions, in my capacity as the Minister for Sport, to mandate the use of personal floatation devices by persons while they are rock fishing.

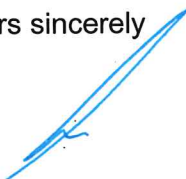
I am advised that regulation making powers for prescribing measures to be taken for the safety of persons using Victorian parks, including coastal and marine parks, is provided for under Section 48 of the *National Parks Act 1975*. This Act is the responsibility of the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water. The Coroner's recommendation would more appropriately be referred to The Hon Lisa Neville MP, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Level 36, 121 Exhibition Street, Melbourne, Victoria 3000, for consideration.



Should your office require further information regarding the sport and recreation safety resources supported by the department please contact Mark Middleton, Senior Project Officer, Research and Performance, on telephone 9096 9893 or email [mark.middleton@sport.vic.gov.au](mailto:mark.middleton@sport.vic.gov.au).

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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