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**Coroners Court of Victoria
Level 11 222 Exhibition St
Melbourne Vic 3000
Court Ref: 3796/06**

Dear Ms Emma Lindsey

I must first start this reply with an apology for the time it has taken our committee to reply to your letter of 4th April 2012. We obviously misunderstood our requirements and assumed that because we accepted the coroner's findings that no response was necessary. We have since been advised by you of our duties and respectfully offer the below reply for your consideration.

The coroner made the following comments:

The significant efforts of both the recreational go-karting industry and work safe Victoria to improve the safety of recreational go-karting across Victoria (and Australia) is acknowledged and recognised.

In an effort to ensure the on-going safety of patrons at recreational go karting venues, it is recommended,

1. That work safe Victoria develops guidance material to support concessional go-kart venue operators in meeting their occupational health and safety duties, as per their previous intention. The material should also be used as an instrument to further publicise Australian Standards AS 3533.4.4 and industry association contact details.
2. That, in order to inform on going safety efforts, the Australian Concessional Go Karting Association work towards establishing a better industry profile, including operator numbers and monitoring patterns of injuries sustained by patrons at a national level to facilitate a more proactive response to emerging safety concerns

Response to point 1

The Australian Concessional Go Karting Association (ACKA) wishes to advise that the association supports the coroner's recommendation and will work with Victoria work safe in developing the guidance material for the operators.

Response to point 2

The Australian Concessional Go Karting Association (ACKA) wishes to advise that the association supports the coroner's recommendation and wishes to advise the coroner that in conjunction with the Australian Amusement Leisure and Recreation Association (AALARA) it will continue to work with the operators of the hire kart industry through educational seminars and in practical ways to increase the awareness of the ACKA group. Further to this the industry is striving to attract the insurance industry support to create an industry insurance scheme that will assist us to monitor and document incidents within the industry. Data collected by the association will be used to provide operators with knowledge of recurring incidents and ways to avoid them in the future.

I thank for your understanding in this matter and trust that the comments from our committee provide the relevant information to satisfy the coroner's requests.

Kind Regards

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