



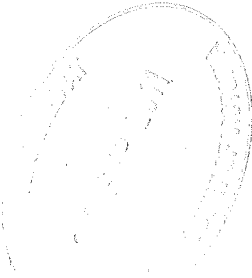
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Dear Mr Hildebrand

2335/09

RE: DEATH OF ANDRAS NAGY

I refer to your request for a response to the Coroner's recommendations arising from the inquest into the death of Mr Andras Nagy. I am aware you have also written to the Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board (PBCSB) requesting a response to the recommendations. I note that the Coroner has determined that the death of Mr Nagy was not preventable and has recommended that a number of regulatory and mandatory supervisory actions be implemented.

The Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), which includes the division of Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV), supports the operation of the PBCSB, which is established under the *Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Act 1985* (the Act). Under the Act in Victoria, the PBCSB is responsible for industry oversight and, as such, has the necessary expertise and experience to respond to the Coroner's recommendations. DPCD believe that, given the establishment and the role of the PBCSB, it is appropriate that the PBCSB, and not DPCD, should provide a detailed response to the Coroner's recommendations.

A draft copy of the PBCSB's response has been provided to the Department, which indicates that it supports the enhancement of skills in the industry and plans to work towards the promotion of good practice in regard to the health and safety of athletes training towards an elite or professional skill level. SRV will liaise with the Board on the possible future development of any such improved industry guidelines.

Should your office require further information regarding the above matters please contact the Board's Registrar, Mr Noel Sharpe, on telephone 9935 8025 or email noel.sharpe@sport.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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ACTING SECRETARY

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