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Mr Jon Hildebrand
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Dear Mr Hildebrand

SIMON GARDNER

I refer to your letter dated 29 March 2011, regarding the findings and recommendations of the Coroner in regard to the death of Simon Gardner.

The Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council held its final meeting in March 2011. It is planned that a new motorcycle advisory group will be formed in the second half of 2011. The group will provide advice to VicRoads, rather than to the Government, on all relevant motorcycle issues. As such, it will be able to provide advice to VicRoads on off-road issues within VicRoads' responsibility.

In response to the Victorian Auditor-General's report, VicRoads is working with other agencies to clarify the scope of off-road issues and to determine any changes required to statutory obligations in this area. As you acknowledge, off-road motorcycling is a diverse activity. This work will therefore recognise the diversity of situations that are covered by the broad term 'off-road'.

The responsible officer to progress this matter is Mr James Holgate, Director – Road User Safety. Mr Holgate can be contacted at james.holgate@roads.vic.gov.au or on 9854 2550 should you wish to discuss this matter.

Yours sincerely



GARY LIDDLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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