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The Registrar
Corner's Court
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Court ref: COR 2017 003566

BY MAIL AND EMAIL



Dear Registrar

RE: Publication of revision of standard relating to the investigation into the death of Sonia Sofianopoulos

We refer to the findings and recommendations of Coroner for Victoria Jacqui Hawkins, delivered 22 August 2018.

We note that in the findings the Coroner made the following recommendation in relation to Standards Australia:

Recommendation Six:

I recommend that Enzo Alfonsetti, as Chairman of the Standards Australia – Committee responsible for Australian Standard:4575 Gas Appliances – Quality of Servicing to consider amending that standard to incorporate Appendix R of AS5601.1 as soon as practicable.

Steps taken by Standards Australia

Standards Australia responded to Coroner Hawkins' correspondence in November 2018 (a copy of which is attached for ease of reference).

At the time, we advised the Coroner that Technical Committee AG-006 *Gas Installations* had already been undertaking a revision of AS 4575-2005 *Gas appliances – Quality of servicing*, which included the incorporation of requirements consistent with Appendix R of AS/NZS 5601.1.

We wish to advise that on 9 August 2019 Standards Australia published the following Revision to Australian Standards:

AS 4575:2019 Gas Appliances – Servicing of Type A appliances

This revision contains a new procedure based on Appendix R of AS/NZS 5601.1:2013 *Gas installations – Part 1: General installations*.

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As the revision provides additional information to AS/NZS 5601.1:2013 *Gas installations – Part 1: General installations*, Technical Committee AG-006 is also progressing an amendment to align AS/NZS 5601.1:2013 *Gas installations – Part 1: General installations* with AS 4575:2019 *Gas Appliances – Servicing of Type A appliances*. This amendment underwent public comment in October 2019 and is anticipated to be published in 2020.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me on 02 9237 6163 or at christina.forsyth@standards.org.au.

Yours sincerely



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