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Dear Registrar

**RE: Investigation into the death of Noah Zunde (Court Ref: COR 2015 0846)**

**Inquest into the death of Hugh Michael Lane (Court Ref: COR 2016 000557)**

We refer to the above matters and to Standards Australia's letters to the Coroner's Court of Victoria in respect of each matter dated 19 September 2017 and 14 December 2017, respectively.

Following on from our letters, we wish to inform the Court and State Coroner Sara Hinchey that Standards Australia has recently published a new edition of AS/NZS 8005:2020 *Accessories for child restraints for use in motor vehicles*.

As foreshadowed in our letters, Technical Committee CS-085 sought to include in the revised edition of AS/NZS 8005 minimum performance-based requirements for add-on warning systems to alert the driver to the presence of a child left in the car.

The objective of the revised standard is to provide minimum requirements for the design, construction, performance and informative labelling for products sold separately as accessories for child restraints covered by AS/NZS 1754:2013 *Child restraint systems for use in motor vehicles*. The requirements provide a framework for testing the safety of accessories to seek to reduce the risk of injury to children.

One of the major changes in the new edition is to create a new section to specify requirements for warning devices for child restraint occupants left in vehicles. The requirements cover devices that are used only in vehicles as well as devices that can transmit warnings from a child restraint to a device carried by the driver or other carer. While the section does not cover any system or device that may be connected to or interface with the vehicle's computer, the warning device may nevertheless be powered from the vehicle's battery.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the new edition of AS/NZS 8005:2020, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 9237 6163 or [Christina.Forsyth@standards.org.au](mailto:Christina.Forsyth@standards.org.au).

Yours sincerely



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