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Dear Ms Sanderson

CORONERS REPORT: INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF HUNTER BOYLE

Thank you for your letter of 3 May 2022 related to COR 2020 004420 Coroners report: Investigation into the death of Hunter Boyle.

I was saddened to read this report. It is a crucial reminder of the importance of managing risks for children on rural properties. This includes the risks around water, livestock, vehicles, chemicals and more. The issues of child safety are influenced by the fact that children on farms often intersect with the workplace environment, either by helping with jobs or using the farm for recreation.

The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions has been supporting improved child safety on farms by working closely with industry and stakeholders to deliver over 1000 farm safety rebates that include child safety fencing; supporting a three-year farm safety campaign in Victorian primary schools and pre-schools in partnership with Kidsafe; and funding *Gear up for Agriculture Health and Safety* workshops for secondary school students that are being delivered by the National Centre for Farmer Health.

The department will continue to work with industry and other agencies to promote the importance of farm safety for farming families as well as farm businesses and build a safer industry for all involved.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Phemister'.

Simon Phemister
Secretary DJPR

Date 01 / 06 / 2022