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Coroner Kate Despot
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
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Dear Coroner Despot

RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS - COR 2023 005282

This letter provides the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action's (DEECA) response to the recommendations arising from the finding into the passing of Bailey James Blackwell, received 23 January 2026.

Public safety is a key priority for DEECA. Acknowledging existing fencing at site, DEECA recognises that further strengthening of safety controls is prudent to support the ongoing protection of community members and visitors to the site and accepts all recommendations in full.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please contact Dr Kylie Shanahan, Regional Manager Public Land Services Grampians Region, by email [redacted] or mobile [redacted] in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

Alice Holeywell-Jones
Regional Director, Grampians

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