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Ms Dawn Wright  
Office of the State Coroner

Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter regarding the Coroner’s Finding in relation to the inquest into the death of Glenn William Strickland (Coroner’s Finding).

The implementation of regulations to require retailers to provide certain product information to purchasers is a matter which falls within the Commerce portfolio responsibilities of the Hon John Quigley MLA, Minister for Commerce. Accordingly, I have written to the Minister for Commerce to ask that he consider the recommendation, and liaise with the Road Safety Commission (Commission).

As noted in the Coroner’s Finding, the Commission website contains extensive, readily accessible helmet safety information, including information on how to recognise a helmet which complies with the relevant Australian and European safety standards. The Commission website also contains information related to motorcycle safety, such as riding tips and techniques, motorcycle maintenance advice and the ‘Ride Safe Handbook’.

Coroner Linton noted the vulnerability of motorcyclists in the Finding, and suggested that motorcyclists should give strong consideration to the added safety benefits of safety gear beyond what is mandated. The Commission’s website was recently updated to include more information about other protective equipment which motorcyclists should consider wearing, including links to MotoCAP, a world first rating system for motorcycle protective equipment and clothing. MotoCAP is funded by a consortium of community peak bodies and Government agencies (including the Commission), and is aimed at promoting the benefits of wearing protective clothing. MotoCAP tests motorcycle jackets, pants and gloves and rates them according to safety and comfort in an easy-to-understand star rating system to help consumers choose appropriate safety equipment.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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