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Dear Ms Wright

INQUEST INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF WAYNE LANCE ROSS - CORONER'S FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

Thank you for your letter dated 2 May 2014 regarding actions proposed to be taken as a result of the recommendation made by the Coroner in the inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Wayne Lance Ross.

As you mention, Coroner King made one recommendation as a result of this inquest.

The Department of Mines and Petroleum (DMP) has acted upon this recommendation, and other comments, and prepared a Significant Incident Report available to industry via the DMP website. The intent of the SIR is to communicate to industry stakeholders the key findings of the investigations into the fatal accident and to highlight required actions to prevent recurrence of this type of accident.

The SIR incorporates Coroner King's one recommendation and also other comments included in his investigation report.

In addition, the hazard of equipment operating near open holes will continue to be a key consideration during DMP inspections of underground mines.

Lastly, DMP is expected to draft new legislation for the WA mining industry based on the National Mine Safety Framework. The proposed legislation includes the requirement for mines to develop a Safety Management System and to adopt a formal risk management approach including Principal Hazard Management Plans. The requirement for formal risk assessments was mentioned by the Coroner in his report in relation to the hazard of persons and equipment working near open holes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Marmion".

**HON BILL MARMION MLA
MINISTER FOR MINES AND PETROLEUM; HOUSING**

29 MAY 2014