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Dear Ms Fogliani

STATE CORONER FINDINGS - PAUL GREGORY CLIFTON

Thank you for Ms Dawn Wright's letter dated 24 October 2015 which provided the Record of Investigation into Death of Mr Paul Gregory Clifton and Coroner Linton's findings.

The Department of Transport (DoT) has commenced a comprehensive review into the safety equipment requirements of recreational vessels in Western Australia. This review will involve extensive consultation with key stakeholders and the wider boating community. I can confirm that strong consideration will be given during the review to mandating the wearing of lifejackets by persons over 12 months of age on recreational vessels in unprotected waters.

It is anticipated that the review recommendations will be presented to me for consideration in late 2016 and that any changes would be implemented during 2017 with an accompanying education campaign.

In the meantime, DoT will continue to employ a range of strategies to reinforce to skippers the importance of having appropriate and well maintained safety equipment to provide for the safety of themselves and their passengers.

I acknowledge that a copy of this response may be included in the Coroner's next Annual Report and/or made available on the Coroner's Court website.

Yours sincerely

**DEAN NALDER MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

15 DEC 2015