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Dear Professor McNeil,

Hazelwood Mine Fire Inquiry II (Dr Rosemary Lester)

We advise we have been consulted to act on behalf of Dr Rosemary Lester in this matter.

We enclose for your information a copy of the following documents:

- 1. Data from Registry Births, Deaths and Marriages, Death data by Postcode;
- 2. Latrobe Valley Death data analysis;
- 3. Latrobe Valley Death data analysis (updated);
- 4. The University of Melbourne Review of Births, Deaths and Marriages (BDMV) Mortality data for the Latrobe Valley at the time of the Hazelwood Coal Mine Fire in Morwell;
- 5. Adrian Barnett. Queensland University of Technology Analysis of Death data during the Morwell Mine Fire;
- 6. Adrian Barnett updated analysis of death data;
- 7. University of Melbourne. Review of Barnett working paper;
- 8. University of Melbourne. Age Standardised Mortality and Cause of death in the Latrobe Valley at the time of (and five years prior to) the Hazelwood Coal Mine Fire in Morwell.

We would be grateful if you could review the data and provide your opinion in relation to the following;

- a) Is there any evidence of an increase in deaths during or after the Hazelwood Coal Mine Fire? Please explain.
- b) If in your opinion there was an increase in deaths during or after the Hazelwood Coal Mine Fire is that reasonably attributable to the fire or have other factors been responsible? Please explain.

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We would appreciate your opinion at your earliest convenience.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours faithfully,

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