

March 19, 2007

The Hon. Tim Holding MP  
Minister for Workcover & TAC  
Level 5,  
1 Macarthur Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister

RE: Mildura Multiple Fatalities – Mildura **(date)**

As a uncle of the brother and sister **(names)** killed in Mildura over 12 months ago, I would like to bring to your attention some issues relating to the rehabilitation and support to suffering families and the overall community of Mildura.

Almost 48 young people have been directly affected, and if you consider their families it flows on to approximately 150 to 400 members of local Mildura communities.

As part of my own healing process, I have worked actively to provide support to families with regard to fundraising, government liaison, seeking counselling and raising public awareness.

Recently, a support team from the TAC finally attended a session **(where & when)** to find out first hand what is required for the sufferers. I believe that since this visit the TAC has acknowledged, and has a better understanding of the difficulties still facing those involved and will hopefully set in place support mechanisms to provide healing and financial assistance.

I am seeking your support to ensure that regional areas within Victoria are fully supported to ensure that lengthy responses after tragedies such as this do not happen again, and that families are reimbursed promptly to alleviate financial burden at such a stressful and emotional time.

I await your response to this issue.

Yours faithfully,

**Richard Prowse**