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Dear Peter,

Places of Public Entertainment (PoPE) Inspection Program 2025/2026

Fire safety issues identified at recent events, including incidents overseas, highlight the need for robust compliance and risk management to safeguard public safety. In response, I am writing to inform you of Fire Rescue Victoria's (FRV) upcoming Places of Public Entertainment (PoPE) Inspection Program for the 2025/2026 event season.

This program aims to enhance public safety and support compliance at high-occupancy PoPEs and prescribed temporary structures across Victoria. FRV personnel will attend selected events to conduct inspections and collect data relating to:

- Compliance with the ABCB Temporary Structures Standard
- Maintenance and adequacy of Essential Safety Measures (ESMs)
- Broader fire safety provisions and risk mitigation strategies

The information gathered will help FRV identify common compliance issues and emerging trends. This evidence base will also inform FRV's position and response to any future regulatory changes affecting temporary structures and PoPEs.

We value your members cooperation in facilitating access to event sites and supporting the inspection process. Specific details, including inspection schedules and FRV staff allocations, will be coordinated with councils and event organisers ahead of each event.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the program further, please contact Katherine Kolar Senior Technical Advisor (Building Surveying) on 0476 806 147.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting public safety at Victorian events.

Yours sincerely



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