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Victoria Division

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Mr Greg Hyams
Building Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Hyams

I refer to the recent collapse of the wall at the CUB site in Swanston Street, and the tragic loss of three innocent lives.

In particular, I note comments attributed to Victorian Planning Minister Matthew Guy, calling on the Building Commission to write to all councils and every builder in the State of Victoria, requesting that they be a part of identifying similar structures that may be at risk of collapse.

Engineers Australia strongly believes the inspection of structures that are deemed 'at risk' should be undertaken by suitably qualified structural engineers who hold NPER registration or CPEng accreditation. Engineers who have attained this qualification have been independently assessed as being competent to undertake the magnitude of this work.

This tragedy has touched the lives of all Victorians and our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Dr Maria-Faith Fiawoo, Alexander and Bridget Jones. Victorians are looking for reassurance from government, industry and those in the building profession that the likelihood of a tragedy such as this is never repeated.

I trust that you will give this matter due consideration.

Yours sincerely

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