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Dear Paul

Thank you for your email of 28 July 2019 regarding the regulation of gasfitters in New Zealand where you have raised concerns about a specific case relating to you.

The Plumbing, Gasfitting and Drainlaying (PGD) Act 2006 sets out the process for dealing with complaints, discipline and prosecutions. Investigators who participate in this process for the PGD Board are expected to be independent and to conduct themselves as such.

As a Minister of the Crown, I am unable to comment on or intervene in individual cases. Where a defendant is not satisfied with the outcome of an investigation, they can appeal either through the District Court or make a complaint to the Ombudsman.

You may be aware that as Minister for Building and Construction I am required to undertake a review of the operation of the PGD Act. I have noted your comments on the regulation of gasfitters in New Zealand and I will take this information into account as this review unfolds.

I also note that you took the opportunity to raise similar concerns in your submission on the recent discussion document for the Building System Legislative Reform Programme. A summary of submissions can be found on the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment website: www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/building-system-legislative-reform-programme-public-consultation/.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jenny Salesa'.

Hon Jenny Salesa
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