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Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 ***Section 228*** **PUBLIC WARNING NOTICE**

I, Simon Cohen, Director of Consumer Affairs, issue this Public Warning to consumers about combustible candle holders. These products are designed to hold or decorate a candle, which when subjected to a flame or heat from a candle, continues to flame for a period of five seconds or more. Such products are often decorative, may play a musical melody or have other similar features and may have more than a single point of ignition.

I am concerned that the use of such products pose a serious fire risk as these products are highly flammable and a serious health and safety risk to the consumers who use these products, including those around them, which may include small children.

Combustible candle holders are subject to a permanent ban and are prohibited from sale in Victoria. I am concerned that combustible candle holders may have been sold from a speciality discount retail store in Hallam called 'Clearance Centre', owned by Wens Bros Trading Pty Ltd. These products were also found at Wens Bros Trading Pty Ltd's warehouse in Clayton.

If you have purchased a combustible candle holder, you should immediately safely secure it and ensure that it is not used. Consumers may also wish to approach the place of business where the candle holders were purchased to determine if they are a compliant product.

This Public Warning Notice does not apply to those candle holders which comply with Australian product safety standards. Those candles have a barrier, such as a metal ring, under the wick to stop the flame from progressing onto the plastic holder.

I urge all consumers to exercise extreme caution when using any novelty candles.

Any consumer who is concerned about these products may contact Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81 for further information.



Example of combustible candle holder

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a horizontal line.

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Simon Cohen
Director, Consumer Affairs Victoria