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Ms Melissa Purdy
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Ms Purdy

RESPONSE TO THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF FAY D ROGERS

Latrobe City Council acknowledges your letter received 7 January 2016, recommending a list of actions be undertaken on High Street in Moe, as a result of the death of Ms Fay D Rogers.

As per the recommendation, Latrobe City Council's Traffic Engineer and a VicRoads representative met on site on 21 January 2016, to investigate the measures recommended in the report to improve road safety at this location.

Following this investigation and careful consideration of the Coroner's report, it is advised that an alternative to the Coroner's recommendation will be implemented at this site. These alternative measures are detailed as follows:

- Installation of a pedestrian refuge on High Street approximately 50 metres south of the roundabout intersection, to assist pedestrians crossing the road;
- Trimming back of vegetation on the southeast batter to improve visibility of High Street from the roundabout overpass;
- Relocation and rationalisation of wayfinding signage within the roundabout and on High Street to de-clutter the area and improve sight lines; and
- Further investigation into the costs of relocating the light pole, with a view of moving it should it fit within existing budget constraints.

The first three measures will be completed within the 2015/16 financial year however, should the relocation of the light pole be feasible, works will be scheduled in the 2016/17 financial year, subject to available funding.


Unfortunately, the provision of a pedestrian crossing as recommended in the Coroner's report cannot be implemented. Pedestrian counts taken during the investigation indicate that the volume of pedestrians crossing High Street in the vicinity of this location, does not meet the warrants for a pedestrian crossing to be installed.

After due consideration the recommendation of pedestrian fencing is not supported, as the layout of the roundabout overpass does not allow for the practical installation of the required length of fence necessary to discourage all pedestrians from crossing to Lloyd Street at the roundabout. The length and position of a fence that is possible to construct, would actually make it less safe for pedestrians who make a choice to cross the road before the fence.

However, the above aforementioned arrangements will improve the visibility at the location and provide pedestrians a safer crossing option to cross High Street.

If you require any further information, please contact Gerard Engel, Traffic Engineer on (03) 5128 6172 or email Gerard.Engel@latrobe.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends upwards and to the right.

GARY VAN DRIEL
Chief Executive Officer