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Ms Melissa Purdy
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Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Purdy

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF FAY DAWN ROGERS

I refer to your letter dated 4 January 2016, regarding the investigation into the death of Mrs Fay Dawn Rogers.

The Coroner's recommendation states the following:

*The Latrobe Shire Council and VicRoads take a coordinated approach to improving pedestrian safety at the High Street exit from the roundabout by relocating the light pole on High Street so that it no longer obscures the view of pedestrians **and/or** by building a designated pedestrian crossing further away from the roundabout and installing a fence to force pedestrians to cross the road at that point.*

Before addressing the recommendation, I would like to extend my and VicRoads' sympathy to Mrs Rogers family and friends.

High Street is a local road under the care and management of Latrobe City Council as the road authority. It is therefore Council's responsibility to assess the most appropriate safety improvements and to respond to the infrastructure recommendations made by the Coroner. VicRoads has offered Latrobe City Council any technical assistance it may require.

VicRoads and Latrobe City Council met onsite at High Street, Moe on 21 January 2016 to discuss the Coroner's recommendation and issues raised in the Report. I advise that to address the matters raised in the Report, VicRoads shall:

- a) Trim and/or remove the vegetation on the south eastern side of the roundabout to improve visibility so that drivers can see pedestrian near the intersection. These works are to be completed in March 2016;
- b) Remove some of the destination signs at the intersection which could impede driver visibility to pedestrians. Changes will be made to other designation signs to ensure that road users are able to navigate through the intersection. These works are to be completed in April 2016.

I am also advised that Council are writing to you separately and are considering the following initiatives:

- a) Removal of redundant signs e.g., cemetery service sign on High Street;
- b) Consider providing a pedestrian refuge on High Street;
- c) Consideration of the installation of localised pedestrian fencing in the vicinity of the proposed pedestrian refuge on High Street;
- d) Investigate the relocation of the light pole on High Street.

I am confident that VicRoads and Council and will continue to work collaboratively to monitor safety and improve safety at the intersection.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to call me on telephone: (03) 5172 2608.

Yours sincerely



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REGIONAL DIRECTOR – EASTERN VICTORIA

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