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Ms Michelle Hodgson
Coroner
Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Hodgson,

Court Ref: COR 2017 002535 – Mary Fillipas

We refer to court findings into the death of Mary Fillipas. Please find detailed below Council's response to the recommendation made in your letter dated 1 August 2018.

Coroners Recommendation:

2. *That Whitehorse City Council consider maintaining or removing any tree(s) in the immediate vicinity of the current or relocation bus stop at the intersection of Station and Talbett Street in Burwood to ensure drivers have visibility of pedestrians and overhead lighting is not affected.*

Council's Response:

The Coroner's recommendation will be implemented:

Council supports the Coroner's recommendation to remove the trees at this location where the bus stop is currently located, should be required.

However, Council will reconsider the above, if Public Transport Victoria decide to relocate the bus stop, as the relocation will negate the need to remove the trees. Council awaits the decision from PT Victoria before we proceed with any tree removal.

Council trees will continue to be maintained under Council's cyclic tree pruning and maintenance program to ensure visibility of pedestrians and overhead lighting is not affected.

Yours sincerely

NOELENE DUFF
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER