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Dear Sir/Madam

COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CORONERS COURT INVESTIGATION INTO **DEATH OF JUSTIN SMITH (REFERENCE: COR 2011 002635)**

Latrobe City Council is writing in response to the Coroners Registrar's letter regarding the Coroners Court investigation into the death of Justin Daniel Smith.

Pursuant to section 72 of the Coroners Act 2008, the Coroner made the following recommendation:

" (a) That Local Government bodies within Gippsland carry out an audit of the number of signs in the region advising motorists of the possibility of the presence of animals on the road and consider whether an increase in the number of signs is necessary."

Latrobe City Council is implementing the Coroner's recommendation.

An audit of the signage indicating the presence of animals on the roads will be carried out in the municipality before 30 June 2013. If any deficiency in the number or style of such signs is identified by the audit, additional or replacement signs will be erected or the information will be provided to the responsible authority for their action. Any required signage for council roads will be erected as soon as they can be obtained from an appropriate supplier.

Yours sincerely

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