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File IC09/20
2 September 2013

Ms Lisa Brodie
Coroners Prevention Unit
Coroners Court of Victoria
A Level 11
222 Exhibition Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000



Dear Lisa

CORONERS RECOMMENDATIONS INTO THE DEATH OF MR TONY FISHWICK

Following receipt of your email dated 14 March 2013 to Mr Matt George of our office, regarding a written response to the Coroners findings, an extensive search of our records has shown that this letter of request was not received by Mildura Rural City Council (MRCC).

However I can now provide you with the following updated information with regard to Councils response to the five (5) specific recommendations in the Coroners report.

1. Speed Limit Reduction

Council on the 12 May 2011 requested VicRoads investigate and approve a reduced speed zone for Dow Avenue as per the Coroners recommendation. A reply was received on 19 December 2011 confirming they did not support the permanent speed reduction as indicated.

Refer to letters attached.

Please note that although this action relating to permanent speed zone has not been implemented, Council have installed advisory 80 km/h speed zone signs of this location.

2. Improvements to Sight Line

Council staff have inspected the area, recommended and removed two (2) trees and a fallen dead tree, and recent inspection of the area shows sight distance limit in excess of 240m.

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Note: Aust Roads Rural Road Design publication details the safe stopping sight distance for a car travelling at 100 km/h is 170m and for a truck at 100 km/h to be 210m.

3. Road Marking

Unbroken white centre line to be painted prior to and around the bend on Dow Ave, this work has been completed as per recommendation.

4. Road Signs

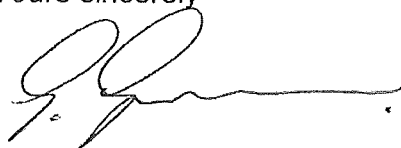
"Truck" traffic signs to be erected at either approach to Piscioneri Transport, this work has been completed as per recommendation.

5. Pooling

Drainage works to be undertaken at bitumen surface road edge and Piscioneri car park area to prevent water ponding, work to the road surface has been undertaken to improve drainage as per recommendation.

Should you require any further information regarding the implementation of the Coroners recommendations, please contact me on ☎ 5018 8480.

Yours sincerely



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MANAGER WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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12 May 2011

Denis Jewell
VicRoads
Orange Avenue
MILDURA VIC 3500

Dear Denis,

REDUCTION IN THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT – DOW AVENUE

Following a coronial inquest into the fatal crash involving Mr Fishwick on Dow Avenue on June 2, 2006, Mildura Rural City Council wishes to implement a reduction in the posted speed limit as recommended by the coroner.

Dow Avenue is a 100km/h rural road. The road alignment features a curve and a transport company operates from a property in close proximity to the curve. The curve alignment and slow moving vehicles pose a risk to drivers in this section of road.

Council supports the coroners recommendation of a reduced speed limit and request that VicRoads issue a statement of consent to allow the attach plans of the proposed changes to be implemented.

Should you require any further information please feel free to contact me on 5018 8449.

Yours faithfully,

Original signed by Chris Davis
Road Safety Officer

CHRIS DAVIS
ROAD SAFETY OFFICER

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(170L) RSO Reduction in the posted speed limit - Dow Avenue Denis Jewell VicRoads May 2011

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19 December 2011

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Dear Mr Davis

REDUCTION IN THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT - DOW AVENUE

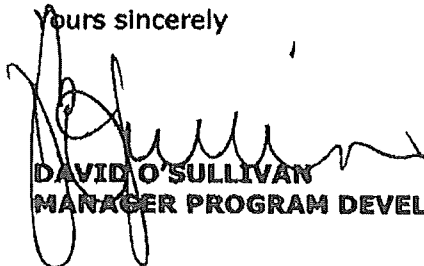
I refer to your letter dated 12 May 2011 seeking approval to reduce the speed limit to 80 km/h speed limit on Dow Avenue between Benetook and Dairtnunk Avenues following a fatality and coronial inquest.

VicRoads has considered the data that you provided, noting in particular the estimated excessive speed by the deceased, and has conducted a VLimits analysis to determine that the retention of the 100 km/h speed through this section of roadway is appropriate, see copy attached.

Therefore, VicRoads does not support the reduction of the speed limit. It is recommended that Council undertakes an analysis of the bend to support the installation of Warning and Advisory Speed signs and Chevron Alignment Markers (CAM's) if the curve is considered to be substandard.

If you require further information on this matter, please contact Denis Jewell on telephone 5002 1001.

Yours sincerely



DAVID O'SULLIVAN
MANAGER PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT