



Mr Josh Munro
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
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Dear Mr Munro

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF TOMISLAV BREKALO

I refer to your letter dated 5 December 2014, requesting a written response to the Coroner's recommendations in relation to the death of Mr Tomislav Brekalo on 17 March 2012.

The M80 Ring Road Upgrade is planned to be delivered in sections with 21 kilometres of the 38-kilometre corridor having been upgraded. There are four sections remaining to be upgraded including the Sunshine Avenue to Calder Freeway section, which incorporates the EJ Whitten Bridge and is the next priority for upgrading. Plans have been prepared to complete the remaining sections, pending funding, and include installing permanent public safety barriers on the EJ Whitten Bridge.

In the interim, VicRoads has identified a temporary public safety barrier solution. These barriers could be installed within ten months from funding being available.

VicRoads is investigating funding opportunities with the State and Federal Governments for installation of temporary public safety barriers in the event that funding to complete the M80 Ring Road Upgrade is not provided in the May State Budget.

VicRoads will continue to monitor the bridge via closed circuit television and will be vigilant in addressing any unusual activity.

Should you require any further information, Mr Trevor Boyd, VicRoads' Director, M80 Ring Road Upgrade (Tel: 9094 4602), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



JOHN MERRITT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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