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The Registrar

Coroner's Registrar

Coroners Court of Victoria

Level 11/222 Exhibition Street

MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Sir/Madam

## INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH - ANDREW J WOODLOCK Coroner reference: COR 2010 004047

I refer to your letter dated 13 August 2013, regarding the inquest finding including the recommendation made by Coroner Spanos regarding the death of Andrew J Woodlock.

## The recommendation is:

I recommend that VicRoads and the Victorian Transport Association, through their respective industry networks, communicate to the broader transport industry, about the need to ensure that 'Long Vehicle' (and other) warning signs are correctly positioned and securely attached to heavy vehicles, in the interests of the safety of all road users.

VicRoads provides the following responses to the Coroner's recommendation.

The Coroner's recommendation will be implemented.

VicRoads currently works closely with the Victorian Transport Association and other Victorian heavy vehicle groups through the *Transport Industry Safety Group*. The group meets to discuss heavy vehicle safety issues and VicRoads encourages the group to resolve issues through industry best practice and self-regulation. The State Coroner is an observer to this group.

At the next meeting of this group, VicRoads will raise the findings and recommendation with the proposal that an industry bulletin be circulated to transport industry members. VicRoads will also raise the findings and recommendation with its enforcement arm, Transport Safety Services to raise awareness of the regulations around placement of signs on heavy vehicles.

If you require further information, Mr James Holgate, VicRoads' Director – Vehicle and Road Use Policy (Tel: 9854 2550), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

GARY LIDDLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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