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22 January 2013

Coroners Court of Victoria
Level 11
222 Exhibition St
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Sir/Madam

**Council's response: Investigation into the death of Justin Daniel Smith
(Your ref: COR 2011 002635)**

I am writing in response to the Coroners Registrar's letter dated 15 November 2012 concerning the inquest 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”.

Bass Coast Shire Council is implementing the Coroner's recommendation.

An audit of the signage in question was carried out in the mainland areas of the Shire over the first two weeks of January 2013. The audit determined that no increase in the number of such signs was warranted.

A similar audit will be carried out on Phillip Island no later than by the end of February 2013. If any deficiency in the number or style of such signs is identified by the audit, additional or replacement signs will be erected as soon as they can be obtained from Council's supplier.

Yours sincerely

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