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Coroners Court of Victoria
Attention: Coroner Darren Bracken
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006
Via email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Coroner

RE: Investigation into the death of Vicki Webster (Court ref: COR 2017 000893)

I write in response to the Coroner's Recommendations made in the Finding without inquest into the death of Vicki E Webster.

The recommendations made to VicRoads were:

- 31.1. VicRoads post speed limit signs on each side of the crest on Lake Rowan Road immediately in the vicinity of Ms Webster's accident scene (near Howells Road) reducing the approach speed to less than 100 km/h pursuant to section 8 of the *Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009 (Vic.)*.
- 31.2 VicRoads consider implementing the strategy referred to in Recommendation 1 in relation to the other crest on Lake Rowan Road (and its continuation as Boweya-St James Road) between Big Hill Road and Bungeet Road.

The Coroner's recommendations are under consideration.

Moira Shire Council is responsible for setting the speed limits for their local roads. VicRoads is responsible for approving the associated signage. Regional Roads Victoria (a division of VicRoads) will work with Moira Shire Council to review the speed limit in light of the other improvements made at the sites with respect to road width, sealed shoulder and advanced warning signs. Regional Roads Victoria, Moira Shire Council and Victoria Police will meet on 7 March 2019 and will make a decision regarding the recommended speed limit for these locations.

Regional Roads Victoria will advise the Coroner's Court of the decision to keep or reduce the speed limit by 31 March 2019.

Should you wish to discuss the process above, please contact Ms Rebecca Steer, Manager Planning on rebecca.steer@roads.vic.gov.au or 0459 865 914.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Matthews".

NATHAN MATTHEWS
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