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Dear Ms Jamieson

### **INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF JOAN CHRISTINE HARRISON – CASE REF: COR 2018 000895**

I refer to your letter of 8 October 2019 directed to VicRoads (now part of the Department of Transport, DoT) requesting a response to your recommendations to pursue funding for road safety treatment at the intersection of Church Street and Highett Street, Richmond.

The proposed safety treatment for this location includes relocating the current pedestrian crossing 6-metres away from the give way line where the left turn lane at Highett Street meets Church Street; install pedestrian fencing to guide pedestrians to the relocated crossing; and relocation of the traffic light pole to improve movement through the island.

DoT evaluates projects on a state-wide basis considering factors such as; traffic volumes, pedestrian activity levels, the safety record of the site, the effectiveness of proposed treatments and implementation costs. This process is a highly competitive one, as the pool of proposals and sites is substantial.

The proposal to relocate the pedestrian zebra crossing at this location was previously considered but ranked low when compared to other sites across the state. DoT will continue to explore opportunities to fund this safety improvement proposal in a future program.

DoT is working with City of Yarra to explore longer-term solutions to determine the feasibility of removing the left turn slip lane from Highett Street and realigning the pedestrian crossing at this intersection as part of broader work of road network.

Should you require further information, Ms Hazel Lirios, Team Leader Movement & Safety Central, Department of Transport (Tel: 9313 1169), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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