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Ms Jacinta Scurrah
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Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Scurrah

**DARREN JAMES CRAIGHEAD (DECEASED) AT WAHGUNYAH
- FINDING WITHOUT AN INQUEST - YOUR REF: 1368/2010**

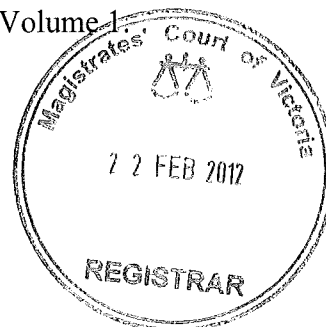
I refer to a letter dated 22 December 2011, from Ms Leona Webb, regarding the finding and recommendation into the death without inquest of Darren James Craighead (deceased).

Coroner Stuthridge made the following recommendation:

“Victoria Police had made a recommendation to VicRoads for a prominent sign saying ‘Look Right’ be installed at the end of the centre island where Victoria St ends in order to draw attention to possible traffic approaching from the south that may have been missed when checking further back in the intersection. Police have noted that realigning the intersection would create other risks”

The Victoria Police recommendation requesting installation of a “Look Right” sign at the intersection is not supported by VicRoads. The intersection is at a single (undivided) roadway and it would be inappropriate to highlight the need to only look right without highlighting the need to also look left. VicRoads has considered a "Look Both Ways" sign, however, looking to the right and left is all part of the process involved in giving way at a “Give Way” sign. The Road Safety Road Rules 2009 are clear that a driver at an intersection with a Give Way sign must give way to all traffic (Rule 71).

Victoria Police had also suggested during the preparation of VicRoads’ crash investigation, replacing the existing intersection “Give Way” sign with a “Stop” sign. Stop signs are only used at intersections where sight distances are limited as defined in Section 3.2.2 of VicRoads’ Traffic Engineering Manual, Volume 1.



VicRoads considers it important to be consistent in its signing practices. The sight distance at this intersection is not limited as defined in the above manual and therefore it is not proposed to implement the Coroner's recommendation in this instance.

If you require further information, Mr Graham Freestone, Regional Director, North Eastern Victoria (Tel: 5761 1888), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Gidley', written in a cursive style.

BRUCE GIDLEY
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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