



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications**

**Deputy Secretary
Diane Brown**

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Mr Will Doolan
Coroner's Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006



Dear Registrar Doolan

COR 2017 001148 - Coroner's investigation into the death of Arzu Karakoc

Thank you for your letter dated 3 November 2021 to Mr Simon Atkinson, Secretary of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications about Deputy State Coroner English's finding and recommendations following the death of Mrs Arzu Karakoc.

I am pleased to advise we are making good progress in areas of concern identified by the Deputy State Coroner. The Department's response to Recommendations 3, 4, 5 and 6 are set out in **Attachment A**.

The National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 (NRSS) identifies actions to address road user fatalities. The NRSS sets targets to reduce fatalities over the next 10 years, setting us on the path to achieve Vision Zero (zero deaths and serious injuries) by 2050. Heavy vehicle safety and measures to protect vulnerable road users (VRUs) are recognised priorities.

The Department also administers the *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* (the Act), which requires all new road vehicles to comply with the national vehicle standards before they can be offered to the market for use in transport in Australia. Once a vehicle is supplied to the market in Australia, regulation passes to the state and territory governments, which are responsible for in-service requirements such as registration, road-worthiness, modifications and retrofitting of safety devices. In-service heavy vehicle regulation, including retrofitting safety systems, is the responsibility of the relevant state and territory governments and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

For further information, please contact Anita Langford, Assistant Secretary of the Department's Vehicle Safety Policy and Partnerships Branch responsible for administering development of Australian Design Rules:

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Deputy Coroner's investigation into the death of Mrs Karakoc.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end of the name.

Diane Brown

28 January 2022