



Mildura Rural City Council

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5th January, 2022

Coroners Court of Victoria
Attention: State Coroner, Audrey Jamieson
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006
via e-mail: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear State Coroner,

Investigation into the death of Robert Woolcock (court Ref: COR 2018 003968)

I am writing in response to the Coroner's recommendations made in the finding without inquest into the death of Robert Woolcock.

The recommendation made to Mildura Rural City Council was:

MRCC continue to examine the traffic patterns and monitor traffic count data at the intersection of Etiwanda Avenue and Seventeenth Street in Mildura to determine whether the intersection is a location that could be considered under the Black Spot Program as a site that has a recurrent problem.

The Coroner's recommendation will be implemented.

As discussed during the Coroner's investigation, MRCC was seeking to apply for Federal Government's Black Spot funding from the to address crash risk at the intersection of Etiwanda Avenue and Seventeenth Street, Mildura. This funding for these works has been successful and includes crash mitigation works at the intersection Etiwanda Avenue and Seventeenth Street.

Works are to be completed by June 2022 and include:

Etiwanda Avenue

Painted island squeeze points approximately 150 metres from the intersection with supporting speed reduction signage

Raised safety platforms approximately 40 metres from the intersection with supporting speed reduction signage

New Splitter islands to improve delineation

Give way changed to stop signs

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Located at 150 metres from the intersection the painted squeeze point with speed reduction signage will alert the driver of the approaching intersection. This treatment is followed by followed by the raised safety platform 40 metres from the intersection that is designed to reduce speeds to 30km/h. At the intersection, the give way sign will be replaced by a stop sign. Combined, this sequence will significantly increase the time the driver has to observe approaching Seventeenth Street vehicles, therefore reducing the likelihood of a driver error.

Seventeenth Street

Speed reduction from 100 km/h to 80 km/h
Advance intersection warning signage

By reducing the speed limit from 100 km/h to 80 km/h, the crash severity of any impact will be reduced. The likelihood of a crash is also reduced through improved observation times resulting from the lower vehicle speed.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact Mr Daryl Morgan, Manager Works & Engineering Services, MRCC on daryl.morgan@mrcc.vic.gov.au or Tel: 0436 857 636.

Yours sincerely



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