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Our ref: LEX 7768

Sofia Hajdari
Coroner's Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Ms Hajdari

FINDING WITHOUT INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF PEIGI HUDSON

I refer to your letter of 5 August 2024 regarding Coroner Paul Lawrie's findings and recommendations.

The Department of Transport and Planning extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Ms Hudson.

The Coroner's recommendation

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), it was recommended:

- 1. That Head, Transport for Victoria and the Municipal Association of Victoria consider coordinating with rural Shire and City Councils, particularly those with a large tree stock near rural roads, to conduct regular public information campaigns to highlight the importance of reporting by members of the public of dangerous trees (and other roadside hazards), and the avenues available for such reporting.*

Response to Recommendation

The Coroner's recommendation that the Department develop a public information campaign to highlight the importance of the public reporting dangerous trees will be implemented by the end of 2024.

The campaign will highlight what constitutes a dangerous tree/hazard; what members of the public should look out for on or over the roads; how to report a dangerous tree/hazard; and a link to find out if a road is an arterial or local asset.

The campaign will include a series of social media tiles strategically scheduled to be published across Victoria, commencing with the start of the 2024-25 Christmas school

holiday period and before the 2025 Easter break/school holidays, when many people normally travel around the state.

Metropolitan Melbourne, as well as popular tourist destinations like the Grampians, the Otway Ranges and the Alpine region, which are all heavily treed areas, will be targeted in the campaign.

The campaign will be featured on both the Transport Victoria and VicRoads digital channels.

A news story highlighting what is considered a dangerous tree/hazard and how to report them will be included on the home page of the Transport Victoria web site.

The Department also intends to inform all 79 LGAs in Victoria of the campaign and will give them an opportunity to share the social media tile links on their respective digital channels to extend the reach of this important initiative.

Please do not hesitate to contact AJ Armstrong [REDACTED] if you have any questions about the contents of this letter or if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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