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Dear Registrar

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JÜRG-PETER STYNER – RESPONSE TO CORONER'S RECOMMENDATION

I refer to your letter of 19 February 2025 to the Secretary of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) regarding Coroner McGregor's Finding without inquest (Finding) concerning the death of Jürg-Peter Styner.

DTP extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Mr Styner.

The Coroner's recommendation

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), Coroner McGregor made the following recommendations in the Finding:

"[T]hat the Secretary to the Department of Transport and Planning:

- A. Reduce the speed limit to 80 km/h on the bends on this stretch of road which do not qualify for centre line marking by virtue of having less than 6.2 metres of bitumen road available at that point; and*
- B. Install 'Drive on left side of Road' signs along the increasingly popular Silo Art trail, so as to assist international visitors."*

Response to Recommendation 1 – Reducing speed limit to 80 km/hr on bends on this stretch of road

An alternative to the Coroner's recommendation will be implemented.

Reducing the speed limit on bends to 80km/h along this stretch of road does not align with the minimum speed zone length requirements of the *Speed Zoning Technical Guidelines*,

which guide DTP's decision making with respect to speed zoning. DTP will undertake a route speed zoning review along the Patchewollock-Sea Lake Road, between Patchewollock and Speed. This review will determine the appropriate speed limit to be applied to the entirety, or sections, of the Patchewollock-Sea Lake Road. This review will also assess current warning signs along the route against relevant guidelines, and determine the need for additional warning signage. This review will be completed by 30 September 2025.

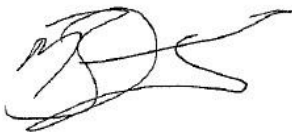
Response to Recommendation 2 – Installing 'Drive on left side of Road' signs along the Silo Art trail

The Coroner's recommendation is unable to be implemented.

The Silo Art Trail is not well defined, being dispersed geographically with a number of route options to access silo art, both in the locality and across regional Victoria. Additionally, DTP has assessed that there is no demonstrated trend identifying that crashes are caused by international drivers travelling on the incorrect side of this road while visiting silo art. As a consequence, it is impractical to install 'Drive on left' signs on roads in the vicinity of silo art in the locality.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ben Anderson, Manager Movement & Safety - Barwon South West Grampians [REDACTED] if you have any questions about the contents of this letter or if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Michael Bailey', with a stylized, flowing script.

Michael Bailey
Executive Director - Barwon South West Grampians

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