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Dear Registrar,

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I write in response to the Finding made by Coroner Magistrate Jamieson on 28
February 2025 into the death of pt Waurn Ponds Creek in Grovedale on 9
March 2022. The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) wishes to take this opportunity to express condolences to the family and friends of for their loss.

I note that Coroner Magistrate Jamieson has made the following recommendations in her finding:

With the aim of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths, I recommend that Department of Transport conduct an audit of CCTV coverage at both Melbourne metro and regional railway stations to ensure all stations have appropriate coverage, and that the footage is easily accessible to emergency services.

## Response to Recommendation

DTP is committed to seeking opportunities to improve safety across the entire Victorian public transport network. The metropolitan and regional rail networks have over 13,000 surveillance cameras installed, and Victoria Police can access live CCTV footage of all metropolitan train stations. DTP recognises that CCTV coverage at regional train stations is currently less extensive than metropolitan train stations. In response, DTP & V/Line are working together to determine further investment to extend and improve video surveillance at regional train stations.

Appropriate CCTV coverage is based on many factors, such as adherence to DTP's standards, operational requirements, and a site-based risk analysis, amongst others.



DTP has recently released a Network Technical Standard for video surveillance, which ensures that any newly constructed train station (or one that is undergoing significant upgrade) must include appropriate CCTV coverage, and remote access to the footage. Complementing this, V/Line has also recently released an Engineering Guideline which defines the minimum performance target for existing installations of CCTV equipment.

Should you require further information, Mr Nelson Dzadey, Director Network Safety would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Nelson Dzadey

**Director Network Safety** 

Date: 21/05/2025

