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30 December 2025

Amber Wylie  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
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By email: team6@courts.vic.gov.au

Dear Registrar

**COR2023/6574 – Response to Coroner's recommendations**

I refer to the above coronial investigation and write in response to the findings and recommendations made by Deputy State Coroner Spanos as amended on 10 December 2025.

On behalf of the City of Maribyrnong (**Council**) I would like to firstly restate my condolences to the family and friends of Frances Ramirez.

I note that the Deputy State Coroner made 3 recommendations, 2 of which relate directly to Council and provide the below in response.

**1. Recommendation 1**

*That Maribyrnong City Council immediately prioritises the Joseph Road Precinct DCP Functional Layout Plan and Traffic Signal Plan for approval by Head, Transport for Victoria.*

- 1.1. Council and the Department of Transport and Planning (**Department**) acknowledge the importance of progressing the Joseph Road Precinct Development Contributions Plan (**DCP**), Functional Layout Plan (**FLP**) and Traffic Signal Plan.
- 1.2. As at the date of this letter, I can confirm that Council has prepared a FLP for the Hopkins Street Corridor from Moore Street to Joseph Road and Council is now working collaboratively with the Department to finalise the plans for approval.

**2. Recommendation 2**

*That Maribyrnong City Council and Head, Transport for Victoria work together to urgently prioritise the design, approval, and implementation of upgrades to signalling and streetlighting along Hopkins Street, Footscray, where it intersects with Whitehall Street, Hallenstein/Moreland Streets and Joseph Road.*

- 1.1. Council and the Department acknowledge the need for improved signalling and street lighting at the intersections of Hopkins Street with Whitehall Street, Hallenstein/Moreland Streets, and Joseph Road.



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1.2. Council is prioritising the design process for the Joseph Road DCP listed projects, including:

- a) traffic signalisation at Hopkins St/Hallenstein St/Moreland St intersection;
- b) remodelling of Hopkins St/Whitehall St intersection;
- c) Share User Path on the north side of Hopkins Street between Whitehall Street and Joseph Road.

**3. Recommendation 3**

*That Head, Transport for Victoria urgently considers interim measures that can be implemented in the meantime, such as flashing speed limit signs or road markings to indicate to drivers there is a reduced speed limit and a need to watch for pedestrians.*

3.1. Whilst recommendation 3 is directed to the Head, Transport for Victoria, Council supports the introduction of interim measures along Hopkins Street to improve pedestrian safety.

I wish to thank her Honour for her handling of this matter and if her Honour requires any additional information, please contact Celia Haddock CEO, [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Weiss".

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