



## Department of Transport and Planning

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Dear Registrar

### **FINDINGS INTO THE DEATH OF JOHN STUBBS – COR 2023 006881**

I write in response to the Finding made by Deputy State Coroner Paresa Antoniadis Spanos on 17 October 2025 into the death of John Stubbs at North Shore Road railway crossing, North Shore, Victoria on 11 December 2023.

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) wishes to take this opportunity to express condolences to the family and friends of Mr John Stubbs for their loss.

I note that State Deputy Coroner Spanos has made the following recommendation in the Finding:

That as a matter of urgency, the City of Greater Geelong and/or the Department of Transport and Planning collaboratively plan for and install additional road signage on all approaches to the North Shore Road level crossing forewarning drivers of the problematic gradient ahead and allowing them to adjust their hydraulics or seek an alternative route.

#### **Response to recommendation**

I can confirm that the DTP has now installed regulatory signage of "No Trucks Over 19m Over Railway Crossing" on all five approaches to the North Shore Road rail crossing. This signage corresponds with the truck crossing restrictions in place as per the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's restrictions.

In addition, DTP has implemented other safety improvements in association with the rail crossing including the closure of a lane on North Shore Road, giving trucks turning right from North Shore Road a wider turning arc, and line marking renewal within the rail crossing.

Further, DTP has commissioned a lighting survey of the crossing location which found the rail crossing area and nearby roundabout to be sufficient for the relevant lighting category.

Should you require further information, Mr Ben Anderson, Manager Movement and Safety –  
Barwon South West Grampians would be pleased to assist and can be contacted [REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely



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A/Executive Director Barwon South West & Grampians

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