

31 March 2021

Coroners Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh Street  
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Attention: Ms Alice Wickett – Coroners Registrar

By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Wickett

**Court Ref: COR 2019 002892**  
**Investigation into the death of [REDACTED]**

Further to the receipt of Coroner Spanos's finding, without inquest, into the death of [REDACTED], Council officers have discussed the recommendations with VicRoads (now part of the Department of Transport), who are the responsible authority for Hallam Road, and I wish to provide the following Council response.

With respect to recommendation 51(i), Council is supportive of the recommendation to upgrade the intersection of Hallam Road and Centre Road. Council officers will continue to advocate for the upgrade of this intersection as part of the nearby Hallam Road level crossing removal project, due for completion in 2022.

Regarding 51(ii), the Coroner's recommendation to convert the broken white dividing line to a single unbroken line on Hallam Rd, south of Centre Road, to deter vehicle u-turn movements is supported by Council. VicRoads officers have also advised of their acceptance of this recommendation and will arrange the required works to implement the line marking modifications in the short term.

The Coroner's recommendation 51(iii) for signage or other means to encourage drivers to use existing traffic-signal controlled intersections, such as Hallam Road and Pound Road, to safely perform u-turn movements has been discussed with VicRoads and remains under consideration pending the impact of the line marking modifications on Hallam Road and subsequent monitoring of the site, including seeking enforcement and feedback from Victoria Police.

Please feel free to contact either Keri New [REDACTED] or Anitha Ajay [REDACTED] should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely



Glenn Patterson  
Chief Executive Officer