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Ms. Alice Wickett  
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Dear Ms. Wickett

### **INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF [REDACTED] – COR 2019 2892**

Thank you for your email of 6 January 2021 regarding Coroner Paresa Spano's findings and recommendations. The Department of Transport extends our sincere condolences to Mr [REDACTED]'s family and friends.

#### **The Coroner's Recommendations**

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the Coroners Act 2008 (Vic), it was recommended that:

In the interest of promoting public safety and preventing like deaths, pending the duplication of Hallam Road, I recommend that VicRoads and the Casey City Council review the circumstances of Mr [REDACTED]'s death and consider the need for interim remediation of road infrastructure in the vicinity of the collision by:

##### **Recommendation 1**

Facilitating right turns from Centre Road onto Hallam Road whether by the installation of traffic controls signals or otherwise; or

##### **Response to Recommendation 1**

The Department of Transport notes this recommendation and it will be considered as part of the future duplication of Hallam Road between Princes Highway and Pound Road. Note that the scope/timeframe for this project has not yet been determined.

##### **Recommendation 2**

Converting the broken white dividing line to a single unbroken white line, thus prohibiting U-turns altogether; or

##### **Response to Recommendation 2**

The Department of Transport supports this recommendation and will engage a contractor to convert the broken line to a solid line. These works are expected to be completed by April 2021.

### **Recommendation 3**

By signage or other means, encouraging drivers intending to turn right from Centre Road onto Hallam Road, to use existing traffic-signal controlled intersections such as the intersection of Hallam Road and Pound Road, to safety [sic] negotiate a route north.

### **Response to Recommendation 3**

This recommendation will be considered pending the impact of the line marking modifications on Hallam Rd and subsequent monitoring of the site, including seeking enforcement and feedback from Victoria Police.

Should you require further information, please contact Sasha Yarwood, Manager Movement and Safety, Metro South East on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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