

4494/09

①



Office of the Chief Executive  
60 Denmark Street  
Kew Victoria 3101  
Telephone (03) 9854 2029  
Fax (03) 9853 0512  
vicroads.vic.gov.au

Please Quote: VRPC003645  
(File No: PC012101)

Ms Leyla Stefano  
Coroner's Registrar  
Coroners Court of Victoria  
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street  
**MELBOURNE VIC 3000**

Dear Ms Stefano

**INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JOHN ALAN HEMINGWAY**

I refer to your letter dated 7 October 2011, regarding the recommendation relating to overseas drivers employed or engaged to drive in Victoria, arising from the above Coroner's Inquest.

VicRoads is currently reviewing the Road Safety Act including the licensing provisions it contains. The review will embrace matters relating to the rights of drivers from overseas and interstate. The Road Safety Act review is expected to make recommendations to government during 2012.

When dealing with licensing conditions it is preferable to agree a nationally consistent approach. Therefore, a project has been proposed to Austroads, the association of Australian and New Zealand road transport and traffic authorities, to investigate the policy and legislative impacts of regulating temporary overseas drivers. The aim of this proposal is to address the issue of non-permanent residents driving in Australia without being required to obtain a driver licence and thereby avoiding any applicable testing requirements. This project would include consideration of the suitability for non-Australian licensed drivers being employed to drive and convey passengers. Your recommendation has been noted in the project brief of work. Both Victoria and New South Wales have jointly proposed this work.

The project will be considered by the Austroads Board for inclusion in the 2012 -13 program.

Should you require further information, Mr David Shelton, VicRoads' Executive Director - Road Safety and Network Access (Tel: 9854 2700), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

**GARY LIDDLE**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

20/12/2011

