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Ms Freda Villella  
Coroners Registrar  
Coroner's Court of Victoria  
65 Kavanagh Street  
**SOUTHBANK VIC 3006**



Dear Ms Villella

## INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF DAVID R MCVEA

I refer to your letter dated 9 October 2014, regarding the investigation into the death of Mr David R McVea, and the Coroner's recommendations pursuant to Section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008*. I apologise for the delay in responding.

VicRoads has implemented the Coroner's recommendations as described below:

### Recommendation 1:

A working protocol has been adopted as recommended in the Coroner's report as follows:

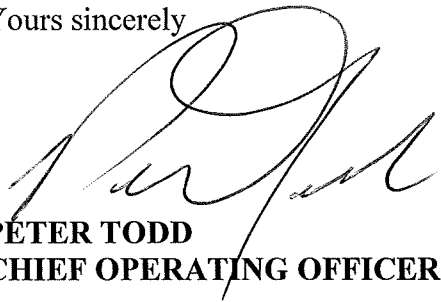
- VicRoads' Regional Directors have delegation to undertake various tasks under the *Road Safety (Traffic Management) Regulations 2009*. This includes delegated powers to approve the placement or alteration of traffic control devices, such as temporary speed-limit signs, on a roadway.
- VicRoads' Road Management Plan 2014 requires assessing the road surface in accordance with VicRoads' Skid Resistance Policy 2013 and stipulates the timeframe for remediation works. Regional Directors have the delegated powers to impose temporary speed limits near known locations of road surface friction issues while waiting for funding approvals or works to be carried out to remedy the defects.
- VicRoads is currently developing the *Managing Pavements in Poor Condition Policy*. This policy is expected to provide further guidance to Regional Directors, specifically relating to the management of pavements in poor condition.

**Recommendation 2:**

The annual funding for routine maintenance and road resurfacing are allocated to the regions as bulk allocations. This provides the flexibility to Regional Directors for prioritising the works when urgent works are required, such as road surface friction repairs. I believe that this arrangement is adequate for providing the funding for emergency works.

Should you require any further information, Mr Gerry George, VicRoads' Director, Operation Services (Tel: 9854 2530), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Todd', written over a large, stylized, circular flourish.

**PETER TODD**  
**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

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