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Ms Lidia Lo Giusto  
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Coroner's Court of Victoria  
Level 11, 222 Exhibition Street  
**MELBOURNE VIC 3000**

Dear Ms Lo Giusto

### INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF SUCCURINE MASCARENHAS

I refer to your letter dated 8 July 2014, regarding the investigation into the death of Mrs Succurine Mascarenhas.

The Coroner's recommendation states the following:-

*The Victoria Police Major Investigation Unit commented that the road surface at this location is poor and has low friction value. I recommend that VicRoads review the road and consider resurfacing it, in an attempt to prevent incidents of a similar nature in the future.*

VicRoads manages the arterial road network in accordance with its Road Management Plan. Regular inspections are undertaken to identify any potential hazards to road users and appropriate maintenance is carried out to ensure the road network is kept in a safe condition, including on this section of the Melba Highway.

In addition to the regular inspections, VicRoads undertook detailed investigations of the pavement surface of the Melba Highway in April/May 2013 and in October 2013. These investigations concluded that no treatment of the pavement surface was required.

In light of the Coroner's recommendation, VicRoads will undertake a further detailed inspection of the subject road section in the coming months to determine if any pavement resurfacing work is required.

VicRoads advises that the posted speed limit on the Melba Highway, between Healesville-Kinglake Road and south of Dixons Creek, has been reduced to 80 km/h on a permanent basis.

Should you require any further information, Mr Adam Maguire, VicRoads' Regional Director, Metropolitan South East (Tel: 9881 8800), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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

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