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Ms Leona Webb Coroners Registrar Coroners Court of Victoria Level 1 436 Lonsdale Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000



Dear Ms Webb

## FINDING WITHOUT AN INQUEST - PETER STARR JAMES (DEC). YOUR REF: 0442/2011

I refer to your letter dated 9 November 2011, regarding the finding without an inquest into the death of Peter Starr James.

VicRoads has developed a project to install Wire Rope Safety Barrier from 231.6 km to 251.6 km along the Hume Freeway southbound for consideration in the next round of funding under the Safer Road Infrastructure Program. This project includes the location referred to by the Coroner.

In relation to overhead electronic signing warning of a "fatigue risk area", the completion of the Hume Freeway in New South Wales in 2012 will change travel times and the location of this fatigue zone.

VicRoads has developed a trial project involving the use of variable message signs along the Princes Highway East, between Stratford and Bairnsdale, to highlight the danger of driving while suffering from fatigue. If the evaluation of the trial indicates positive results, a similar treatment could be considered for sections of the Hume Freeway where fatigue has been identified as a cause of crashes.

Should you require further information, Mr Graham Freestone, Regional Director, North Eastern Victoria (Tel: 5761 1888), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

**BRUCE GIDLEY** 

**CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER** 

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