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Dear Ms Batty

ANTONIO TOTARO INQUEST FINDINGS COURT REF: 2715/09

I refer to your letter dated 17 February 2011, regarding recommendations made by Coroner K.M.W. Parkinson in his inquest finding into the death of Antonio Totaro. I regret the delay in responding.

As the service road is managed by the City of Frankston, VicRoads will work with Council to assess whether the service road access can be modified to restrict traffic egressing onto Cranbourne-Frankston Road, as it would not be possible to increase the sight distance at this location. It is considered likely that Council will wish to consult with local residents regarding this matter, as the road safety considerations need to be balanced against issues of local access and amenity.

At the Coroner's recommendation, VicRoads has also given consideration to a reduction of the speed limit on the section of Cranbourne Road between Karingal Road and the pedestrian crossing at Ballam Park to 50 km/h. In Victoria, speed limits are set in accordance with VicRoads' guidelines to ensure that they are consistent throughout the state and credible to motorists. A number of factors are taken into account when assessing speed limits, including the nature of the road environment and abutting development, and the need to achieve a balance between safety and mobility. Based on these factors, the existing 80 km/h speed limit along Cranbourne-Frankston Road is considered appropriate.

Should you have any further queries regarding this matter, Mr Duncan Elliott, VicRoads' Regional Director – Metropolitan South East (Tel: 9881 8800), would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

GARY LIDDLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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