

8 July 2020

Ms Rebecca Hudson
Coroner's Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Ms Hudson,

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF SCOTT FEWSON (COR 2017 004397)

I refer to your letter dated 26 June 2020, addressed to Mr Paul Northey, regarding the investigation into the death of Mr Scott Fewson. Your letter has been forwarded to me for investigation and response.

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) wishes to convey its sincere condolences to Mr Fewson's family.

The Coroner's recommendation included:

Informed by appropriate input from Victoria Police, VicRoads undertake an assessment of the condition of Princetown Road between Ford's Road and Melrose Road including the adequacy of signage and road markings applicable to traffic travelling south and around the right-hand bend immediately before Princetown Road crossed Melrose Road.

RRV can advise you that the recommendation made by the Coroner has already been implemented.

A review of the line marking along the full length of Princetown Road was undertaken, focusing on the appropriateness of the centreline marking. A number of locations have been modified as a result, with solid lines implemented to limit overtaking at locations with limited sight distance. A solid line was implemented on the corner of the fatal crash.

Improvements to curve warning signage, with the addition of Curve Alignment Markers (CAMs) have also been implemented at the curve. Photos of the site have been attached for your information.

Should you require any further information, Mr Sam Pirrotta, Manager Program Development at RRV's South Western Region [T: (03) 5225 2543] E : sam.pirrotta@roads.vic.gov.au] would be pleased to assist.

Kind regards,

**VANESSA SCHERNICKAU
DIRECTOR SOUTH WESTERN REGION
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT**

(attach)

(COR 20178 004397) Attachment 1 – Images of signage and line marking changes implemented



1. Image 1 – Existing signage (source Googlemaps 2010 streetview image) **Note** : Princetown Rd between 5.0 – 5.310km was Bituminous Spray Sealed on 2 March 2017



Image 2 - New curve warning sign, north of Melrose Road (02/05/2018)



Image 3 - New CAM's and linemarking on corner (02/05/2018)