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Will Doolan  
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Dear Will

**Re: Coroner's Report Ref COR 2020 003638 - Investigation into the death of Kyle Shepherd**

Thankyou for providing a copy of the Deputy State Coroner's Finding (the Report) dated 25 June 2021, into the death of Kyle Shepherd and the opportunity to respond to the associated recommendation directed toward the City of Greater Bendigo (the City).

The circumstances leading to this accident are tragic and our thoughts are with everyone impacted by this crash and road trauma more broadly. The City extends its sincere condolences to Mr. Shepherd's Family and friends for their loss.

Pursuant to section 72(3) of the Coroners Act 2008, I provide the following response in respect to recommendation 2 as recited below and contained within the Report.

*Recommendation: With the aim of reducing pedestrian fatalities through education focusing on the safe use of shared roads in rural areas, that the City of Greater Bendigo consider developing and implementing a local education campaign directed at pedestrians in its catchment area.*

After consideration of the above recommendation I advise that the City will seek to support the development and implementation of a state government led local education campaign, targeted at pedestrian safety in regional and rural areas.

The City will be writing to the Department of Transport (DoT) and Transport Accident Commission (TAC), requesting the above campaign be led by the State Government. The City will offer its support towards both the development and subsequent implementation of the campaign within the Greater Bendigo region.

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Whilst not identified as a contributing factor for this incident, the City also believes that there is an obligation to explore additional opportunities to improve safety on local gravel roads. As such the City will also be writing to DoT, TAC and Ben Carroll MP (Minister for Public Transport and Road Safety) requesting that the State Government also consider lowering the default speed limit on gravel roads from 100km/hr.

For further information please contact Ian McLauchlan, Manager Engineering on 03 5434 6147 or via email at [i.mclauchlan@bendigo.vic.gov.au](mailto:i.mclauchlan@bendigo.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B Westley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**BRIAN WESTLEY**  
**DIRECTOR PRESENTATION AND ASSETS**