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25 August 2023

Sheean Werkmeister 55 Kavanagh Street SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Sheean,

Thank you for your letter dated 13 July 2023 to my CEO, Ms Tammi Rose, regarding Coroner Peterson's recommendation in her written finding for COR 2020 004724:

RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the Act, I make the following recommendation:

That Yarra Ranges Shire Council consider incorporating a requirement into the Tree Assessment Framework of the Tree Policy to obtain an independent arborist report in cases where tree failure results in death.

Coroner Peterson's recommendation will be implemented. The inclusion of the recommendation will be part of a review of the Tree Policy and will need to be approved by Council. The review will be completed by June 2024. When the review is completed, I will send a copy to the Court.

Should you require any further information please contact me on

Yours sincerely

Paul Mechelen Paul Mechelen

Coordinator, Tree Management Team