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Coroner Simon McGregor
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

By email only: [REDACTED]

Dear Coroner McGregor

INVESTIGATION INTO THE DEATH OF PRAMOD ACHARYA

I refer to your letter to the Department of Transport and Planning (**DTP**) regarding Coroner McGregor's Finding without Inquest (**Finding**) concerning the death of Pramod Acharya.

First and foremost, DTP extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Mr Pramod Acharya.

The Coroner's recommendations

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), it was recommended that:

Regional Roads Victoria conduct a safety review of the Princes Highway in the Pomborneit area, with particular consideration to be given to the display of advisory wildlife warning signs.

(the **Recommendation**)

Response to Recommendation

It is not currently proposed that the Coroner's Recommendation will be implemented.

The Australian Standard 1742.2 – 2022 Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Part 2; Traffic Control for General Use (**Standard**) is a standard which specifies requirements for regulatory and warning signs. This Standard states that "*Hazardous wildlife signs shall be used to warn road users of the unexpected presence of wild animals on the road which may be a hazard to road users. Signs shall be used only where hazardous wild animal activity is most likely to occur*".

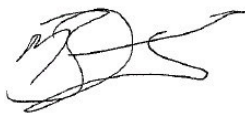
A review of DTP's Road Crash Information System reveals that, in the 5-year period, 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2024, there were no crashes recorded involving wildlife within 1km either side of the crash location.

Based on the above, DTP has determined that wildlife warning signage in the vicinity of the crash location is not currently warranted.

However, DTP will consider reviewing this position if future crash data reveal a trend of crashes or incidents involving wildlife within the vicinity of the crash location.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] or at [REDACTED] if you have any questions about the contents of this letter or if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Michael Bailey
Executive Director, Barwon South West and Grampians

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