

24 February 2026

Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006

By email only: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Response Letter – COR 2024 005003 Investigation into the death of Jennifer Hombsch

Dear Coroner,

We refer to your letter dated 1 December 2025 and the recommendation made pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic).

Council notes that the intersection of Frankston–Flinders Road and the Mornington Peninsula Link (M11) comprises both State–managed and Council–managed infrastructure. To the extent that the petition proposes changes to roads under State control, those matters fall within the jurisdiction of the relevant State authority.

In relation to the Peninsula Trail where it passes beneath the M11 overpass, Council acknowledges that this asset is under Council’s management. Council will consider pedestrian safety at this location in light of the Coroner’s recommendation.

This consideration will occur through Council’s established processes for assessing road and pathway safety matters, which may include:

- review of site conditions and relevant circumstances identified in the findings;
- identification and assessment of potential risk mitigation options;
- where appropriate, obtaining independent technical advice; and
- evaluation of any feasible options having regard to proportionality, effectiveness, strategic priorities and available resources.

Any technical advice obtained will inform, but not fetter, Council’s decision–making.

Council will undertake this consideration as part of its ordinary infrastructure planning and risk management processes. Council anticipates that consideration of the recommendation will be completed, and a decision made as to whether any works will be progressed, within six months of this response, subject to the availability of relevant information and resources.

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Council extends its sincere condolences to the family of the deceased.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Stoermer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark Stoermer
Chief Executive Officer