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By email only: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Park-Beard

INQUEST INTO THE DEATH OF JNL (JEREMY) – RESPONSE TO CORONER'S RECOMMENDATION

I refer to your email of 31 March 2026 regarding Coroner Lawrie's Finding without inquest (Finding) concerning the death of JNL (Jeremy).

The Department of Transport and Planning (the Department) extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Jeremy.

The Coroner's recommendation

Pursuant to section 72(2) of the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), Coroner Lawrie made the following recommendation to the Department:

"That the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning and the Transport Accident Commission conduct further safety awareness campaigns with aims to include increasing public awareness of the particular dangers and illegalities associated with high power / high speed e-scooters."

Response to Recommendation

The recommendation will be implemented in full. Awareness campaigns are planned to outline both the legal and safety implications of e-rideables including messages directed at e-scooter users. In addition, a targeted campaign for e-scooter users will be re-run for an extended time period.

The Transport Accident Commission (TAC) will provide a separate response detailing their e-scooter campaign development, schedule and evaluation approach. The TAC will ensure all communications are consistent with complementary messaging delivered by the Department regarding e-rideables more generally.

The following activities to promote safety awareness are currently being implemented:

- **Public education campaigns** - From 22 June 2026, the Department of Transport and Planning, Victoria Police and the TAC will run an e-rideable social media campaign focused on safe behaviour, purchasing knowledge and road rules. This campaign is targeted at e-bike and e-scooter users specifically. The campaign will run across agency social channels including funded promotion and be shared with key stakeholders for wider distribution. The campaign will run for 7 weeks.

This will be followed by a rerun of TAC's *'If you think E-Scooters are a toy, think again'* from July 2026 to January 2027. From July, the second phase will encourage safer early Christmas purchasing decisions by helping Victorians understand the rules, risks and consequences before buying or gifting e-rideables.

- **School education units of work** - From July 2026, the Department and TAC will promote the newly developed curriculum-aligned Year 9–10 units of work on e-rideables, including e-scooters, developed in conjunction with the Department of Education and the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority. Promotion across the education sector will support student learning, encourage safe choices and behaviours, and strengthen awareness and student advocacy around the safe and responsible use of e-rideables.

In addition to public awareness, a number of additional initiatives are underway to address e-rideable safety including:

- **Interdepartmental committee** - The Victorian Government has established an interdepartmental committee of road safety partners and other Government agencies to coordinate the State's response to rising e-rideable safety issues. This includes examining a range of short-term initiatives such as regulatory reform and enforcement in addition to responding to Victorian Coroner recommendations.
- **Regulatory framework** - Victoria has established one of the strictest e-scooter regulatory frameworks in Australia. E-scooters riders must be at least 16 years of age, wear a helmet, not carry passengers, and are prohibited from riding on footpaths in all circumstances. Devices must not be capable of speeds above 25 km/h. E-scooter riders are subject to random breath testing and face the same penalties as drink drivers, including loss of licence. Victoria was the first jurisdiction in Australia to ban footpath riding and has the lowest maximum travelling speed limit of any state, at 20km/h.
- **Commonwealth engagement** - Victoria has been actively engaged at the national level in advocating for stronger controls on the import and sale of dangerous high-speed e-devices, and that collaborative work has recently resulted in a significant outcome.

Together with NSW, Victoria wrote to the Commonwealth seeking national product safety standards and import controls on high-speed devices that cannot legally be used on public infrastructure, enabling the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and Consumer Affairs Victoria to take action against retailers selling high-speed products.

This advocacy, alongside the ongoing collaborative work on e-rideable through national Infrastructure and Transport Ministers' Meetings, has contributed to the Commonwealth's announcement of National Product Safety Standards for e-bikes and other e-devices as part of the 2026–27 Federal Budget.

This is a significant development. Once the new National Product Safety Standards are implemented, the sale of high-speed and dangerous e-bikes and e-scooters to consumers will be illegal throughout Australia.

Please do not hesitate to contact Lucy Toovey, Executive Director Road Safety Victoria at [REDACTED] if you have any questions about the contents of this letter or if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



Jeroen Weimar
Secretary

Date: 24 June 2026