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Coroner's Registrar
Reference: **COR 2024 002671**

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Gabriels

Thank you for your letter dated 11 May 2026 regarding Coroner Audrey Jamieson's findings and the request for City of Melbourne's response to the recommendations arising from the fatal incident on the Capital City Trail at Harbour Esplanade on 14 May 2024.

We are saddened by the fatality that occurred on Harbour Esplanade along the Capital City Trail. This tragic event highlights the importance of continuing our efforts to improve safety for all users of the trail.

The Coroner's findings dated 24 April 2026 includes the recommendation:

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

- i. With the aim of promoting public health and safety and preventing like deaths and injuries, I recommend that the City of Melbourne give serious consideration to whether improvements can be made to the relevant section of the Capital City Trail to improve safety for pedestrians required to cross the bicycle path, including but not limited to the installation of "look both ways" signage or similar.*

The Coroner's recommendation will be implemented as above.

The City of Melbourne has completed its investigation and will introduce the following additional measures to improve safety and increase awareness:

- Installation of signs advising cyclists to slow down and alerting to the presence of pedestrians.
- New bicycle and pedestrian symbol pavement markings.
- Additional pavement markings and wayfinding treatments

These improvements are scheduled for implementation in the first quarter of 2026–27 and are intended to support safer interactions between pedestrians and cyclists along this section of the Capital City Trail.

Yours sincerely

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