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Coroner Ryan
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

By email only: [REDACTED]

Dear Coroner Ryan,

FINDING INTO DEATH OF GINO FREDERICK GALEA WITHOUT INQUEST – RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATION MADE

I write in response to the recommendation made on 24 March 2026 in your Finding into the death of Gino Frederick Galea.

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

The Coroner's recommendation

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

1. *The (Department) review the condition of the road surface on Bacchus Marsh Road in Balliang and carry out any rehabilitation works that are assessed to be required to ensure the safety of road users.*

Response to recommendation

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

The Department maintains the arterial road network in accordance with its Road Management Plan (RMP), including prioritisation of roads for rehabilitation and periodic maintenance.

The condition of this section of Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road has been classified as critical in nature. If savings become available, this section of road will be evaluated against other critical projects across the state for inclusion in the 26/27 planned maintenance program otherwise it will be considered in the next financial year's program.

In the meantime, routine maintenance activities will continue to be considered, and dependent on competing priorities and funding commitments, the Department may look to undertake minor maintenance activities such as patching and regulation repair in 2026/27. Programs are currently being developed and considered for the State and will not be confirmed until December 2026.

DTP crews will continue monitor and inspect Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road once a week to identify any potential hazards and to appropriately maintain the road network to ensure it remains safe.

Please do not hesitate to contact Aj Armstrong 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 read 'MJ Bailey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael J Bailey
Executive Director Barwon South West and Grampians

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