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Hon Melissa Horne MP Minister for Roads and Road Safety Via email: melissa.horne@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Minister Horne

Re: Intersection upgrade at High Street and Urquhart Street, Woodend

I am writing in relation to the intersection of High Street and Urquhart Street, Woodend, which services the Coles supermarket and railway station in Woodend. Council and the community have ongoing daily safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles at this intersection.

At its Council Meeting on 18 December 2024, Council resolved to request from you an urgent written response on when a recommendation for treatment to the intersection will be made publicly available for community feedback.

The Victorian Government has funded a project to develop designs to improve the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles at the intersection following an increase in traffic and confusion among road users after the opening of a supermarket in 2018.

In the 2022/23 Victorian Budget, the State Government committed funding to this intersection, and to date the community have not received any proposed designs, works or costings for the intersection safety improvements. Department of Transport and Planning officers are in contact with Council officers, however, the project now needs to be fast tracked. Council and the community are keen to see the proposed design to this intersection to improve safety at this key destination.

We look forward to your response on this matter and I am happy to meet and discuss this further with you.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Dom Bonanno

Mayor

cc: Mary-Anne Thomas MP, State Member for Macedon

Anthony Judd, Executive Director, Department of Transport and Planning