

## Hon Jaala Pulford MP

Minister for Roads Minister for Road Safety and the TAC Minister for Fishing and Boating

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Dear Cr Turner

Thank you for your letter dated 24 October 2019, regarding Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road between Gisborne-Melton Road and O'Connell Avenue in Toolern Vale. I apologise for the delay in responding.

The Department of Transport (DoT) acknowledges that population growth in the municipality of Melton is changing traffic conditions along roads such as this section of Diggers Road-Coimadai Road. I appreciate your advocacy for lower speed limits to improve road safety.

As you may be aware, DoT assesses speed limits using the Victorian Speed Zoning Guidelines. These guidelines ensure appropriate, credible and consistent speeds are applied across the state, with consideration given to factors such as the number of access points along the route, the nature of the road environment, adjacent speed zones, road user types and crash history. Speed limits are set to provide an appropriate balance between safety, mobility and liveability.

I am advised that DoT will conduct a review of the speed limit along Diggers Rest-Coimadai Road between Gisborne-Melton Road and O'Connell Avenue in the context of the above. DoT expects to complete the review by early 2020 and will share its findings with the Melton City Council and other road safety partners, including Victoria Police.

Should you require any further information, Ms Jan Wong, Senior Engineer at DoT's Metropolitan North-West Region (Tel: 9313 1211) would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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