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(File No.: PC041440)Cr Bob Turner  
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MELTON VIC 3337Dear Cr Turner *Bob*

Thank you for your letter dated 24 October 2019, regarding the intersection of the Melton Highway and Leakes Road in Plumpton. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I acknowledge that continued population growth is affecting people's ability to move safely and efficiently along roads like the Melton Highway (and its intersections).

The Department of Transport (DoT) advises me that an investigation to determine safety treatments at the intersection of the Melton Highway and Leakes Road has commenced. While the installation of traffic lights is the ultimate treatment for this intersection and aligns with the ultimate duplication of this section of the highway in the future, DoT is also investigating other lower-cost treatments to help address crash trends and improve safety.

You may be aware that in 2016, DoT (then VicRoads) conducted a planning study along the Melton Highway between the suburbs of Melton and Hillside, which identified long-term arrangements needed for this corridor. Building on this preliminary planning work, DoT is now investigating short-to-medium term interventions required to respond to growth in this area and safety issues along the highway, particularly for the section east of Plumpton Road.

DoT will continue to monitor the safety and operation of the Melton Highway. Any improvements will be considered for funding in a future program in a state-wide context.

Should you require any further information, Mr Simon Basic, Manager Transport Planning at DoT's Metropolitan North-West Region (Tel: 0408 559 253) would be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

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