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## Dear Mayor

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2021 to the Hon Ben Carroll MP, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, regarding Council's review of its role in the funding of school crossing supervision. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

I understand you have also written to other stakeholders, including the Department of Education.

Road safety, especially the safety of our school children, is paramount. This is why the Victorian Government remains committed to the School Crossing Supervisor Program with \$41.1 million allocated in the 2021 and 2022 State budgets.

Since 1975, the School Crossing Supervisor Program has been in place to ensure school children are provided with a safe journey to and from school. This is in addition to other measures, such as school speed zones, school education programs and infrastructure improvements.

Road safety is a joint accountability of state and local government under the *Road Management Act 2004* (RMA). Under the RMA and the *Transport Integration Act 2010*, state and local government must provide for the safe use of roads, ensuring these meet the needs and priorities of our communities. This includes taking reasonable precautions in response to foreseeable road safety risks.

The Victorian Government and the Department of Transport (DoT) value the partnership with local government on the School Crossing Supervisor Program and are committed to exploring resourcing options to support its delivery.

DoT will continue to work with Council's Community Amenity team about this matter and Road Safety Victoria will provide a more detailed response by 25 February 2022.



Should you have any questions, please contact Marcelo Vidales, Director Partnerships and Programs, Road Safety Victoria, Department of Transport on mobile 0439 209 377 or email <a href="marcelo.vidales@transport.vic.gov.au">marcelo.vidales@transport.vic.gov.au</a>

Yours sincerely

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