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The Hon. Ros Spence MP  
Minister for Roads and Road Safety  
Via email: [ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:ros.spence@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Minister Spence

**Re: Urgent Safety Improvements – Romsey Road, Woodend (near Woodend Primary School)**

We are writing on behalf of Macedon Ranges Shire Council to request urgent State Government intervention to improve pedestrian safety on Romsey Road in Woodend, in the vicinity of Woodend Primary School.

Romsey Road is a declared arterial road under the management of the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP). It is also a heavily used pedestrian corridor, particularly for school children and families accessing Woodend Primary School and surrounding residential areas.

Council has previously raised concerns regarding pedestrian safety at this location with DTP. These concerns have been consistently reinforced by the local community, including through direct correspondence and a formal petition calling for the installation of a safe pedestrian crossing.

These concerns have now been reinforced by two serious incidents in the past week, both involving children being struck by vehicles while crossing Romsey Road at this location. While we understand the individuals involved have received medical care and details are still emerging, these incidents underscore the very real and immediate risk present at this site.

This is not an isolated concern. It reflects an ongoing safety issue where pedestrian demand, particularly by school-aged children is not adequately supported by existing infrastructure.

Given the above, Council respectfully requests that the DTP, with your support, undertake an urgent and comprehensive assessment of this location, including:

- Consideration of a safe, controlled pedestrian crossing (such as a signalised crossing);
- Review of speed environment and traffic conditions in the vicinity;
- Assessment of sightlines, traffic volumes, and pedestrian movements; and
- Identification and implementation of any interim safety measures that can be deployed immediately while longer-term treatments are assessed.



Importantly, Council is seeking that all feasible safety treatments are actively considered and prioritised, rather than limiting the response to a single intervention. We would also welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with DTP, the school community, and local residents to support this process, including facilitating community engagement if required.

The community expectation is clear, this is a known risk, now reinforced by recent incidents, and it requires timely and decisive action. I would appreciate your support in ensuring this matter is treated with urgency and that appropriate safety improvements are progressed as a priority.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Kate Kendall**  
**Mayor**

**Bernie O'Sullivan**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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