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Dear Ms Douglas

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CAR PARKS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the parliamentary inquiry into pedestrian safety in car parks. Moreland City Council is particularly interested in this issue, and is keen to see improvements in car park design and standards to improve pedestrian safety.

Within the City of Moreland there are 146 off-street public car parks. Council does not keep records of crash incidents within these car parks, and nor is it recorded by VicRoads. However, anecdotal evidence suggests that accidents within car parks are at low speed and at low impact.

Council has introduced a series of measures to improve pedestrian safety in our public car parks. These include:

- Lighting within public car parks is regularly checked to ensure they meet Australian standards
- Pedestrian crossing facilities are provided to access car parks, corresponding with pedestrian desire lines where possible
- Disabled parking bays are located closest to building entrances or desired access destination.

Further to this, Council would like the Road Safety Committee to consider recommending the adoption of additional regulations and standards to improve pedestrian safety in car parks. These could include:

- The implementation of a general speed limit within these zones, particularly a 10km/h shared zone
- The requirement for designated pedestrian spaces and/or routes, either grade separated, or by use of contrasting road surface pavement

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• Consideration of car park placement, to reduce the number of blank frontage walls that can act to reduce the safety for car park users

• Ensuring that car parks are connected to the areas they serve, and that pedestrian safety along these routes are also considered.

Moreland City Council appreciates the opportunity to make a submission into this inquiry. Should you require any further information, please contact Lee Dowler, Acting Manager Asset Planning on 9240 1265.

Yours sincerely

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