5 June 2009

Alexandra Douglas
Executive Officer
Parliament of Victoria Road Safety Committee
Parliament House
Spring Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Ms Douglas,

Submission for Inquiry into Pedestrian Safety in Car Parks

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information to assist in the inquiry into Pedestrian Safety in Car Parks.

Surf Coast Shire Council owns and manages 40 car parking areas, which can be classified as servicing facilities (11) or recreation reserves (29). The surface construction is either informal gravel (24), asphalt (12) or a similar sealed material (4).

There are no recorded personal injury accident events in the last 5 years at any of Council’s car parks. We do not have information on property damage only accidents, as this data is not collected by Council.

In one of the car parks located in the township of Aireys Inlet, we recently constructed a pedestrian pathway within the car park to define a suitable area for pedestrians to travel and to also highlight the presence of pedestrians to motorists. This improvement has been positively received by the community.

It may be beneficial if provision for pedestrian movements were catered for as a minimum requirement and defined in Australian Standard 2890.1. Off-street car parking.

Please contact our Acting Design and Traffic Co-ordinator, Debbie Leeson-Rabie on 5261 0661 or email dleeson-rabie@surfcoast.vic.gov.au if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

Stephen Wall
Acting Chief Executive Officer