

The Hon Paul Toole MP Minister for Regional Transport and Roads

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Ms Helen Minnican Clerk of the Legislative Assembly Parliament House Macquarie Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Minnican

I write in response to the petition lodged on 6 August 2020 by Dr Joe McGirr MP, Member for Wagga Wagga, regarding the intersection of Gocup Road and Snowy Mountains Highway in Tumut.

The NSW Government acknowledges the tragic fatal crash at this intersection in May 2020 and expresses its condolences to the victims' family and friends.

In July, I visited the intersection with the Member for Wagga Wagga, Dr Joe McGirr, and met with members of the local community. It's clear to me that while appreciative of the current safety improvements, the community would like to see more done.

Intermediate safety works were planned for this upgrade and commenced in May 2020. These works are due to be completed in the next fortnight and include substantial changes to the intersection layout, the installation of vehicle activated signage on both Gocup Road and Snowy Mountains Highway, transverse rumble strips, stop signs, and the removal of vegetation to improve sight lines.

In May, I requested the Centre for Road Safety conduct an independent review of the intersection and provide recommendations for a long term solution. I expect to make an announcement in the coming weeks regarding the long-term solution for the intersection of Gocup Road and Snowy Mountains Highway.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

THE HON PAUL TOOLE MP

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