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Mr Ewen Nevett Project Director - Western Highway VicRoads 237 Ring Road WENDOUREE VIC 3355

Dear Mr Nevett

REFERRAL UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978 WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION – BEAUFORT TO ARARAT

Thank you for your referral seeking my advice on the need for an Environment Effects Statement (EES), under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*, for the Western Highway Duplication project between Beaufort and Ararat.

I have determined, under section 8B(3) of the *Environment Effects Act 1978*, that assessment through an EES <u>is required</u> for this project, for the reasons set out in the enclosed reasons for decision. This letter provides notice under section 8B(4) of the Act, including in relation to procedures and requirements that are to apply to the EES.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Trevor Blake, Chief Environmental Assessment Officer, on (03) 9637 9623.

Yours sincerely

JUSTIN MADDEN MLC Minister for Planning

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Mr Tim Pallas MP Minister for Roads and Ports 80 Collins Street MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister

REFERRAL UNDER THE ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978 WESTERN HIGHWAY DUPLICATION – BEAUFORT TO ARARAT

VicRoads have recently sought my advice on the need for an Environment Effects Statement (EES), under the *Environment Effects Act 1978*, for the Western Highway Duplication project between Beaufort and Ararat.

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Cr David Clark Mayor Pyrenees Shire Council 5 Lawrence Street

BEAUFORT VIC 3373

Dear Mayor

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VicRoads has sought my advice on the need for an Environment Effects Statement (EES), under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* (EE Act), for the proposed duplication of the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat.

I have determined that an EES is required for this project, as described in the referral accepted on 22 September 2010, for the reasons attached.

This letter provides notice to you, as a relevant decision-maker, under both sections 8A and 8B(4) of the EE Act. Therefore, I draw your attention to the provisions of section 8C of the Act, which prevent decisions from being made and works from proceeding until the EES has been completed and my subsequent assessment of the project has been considered. I raise this in the context of your future decisions under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

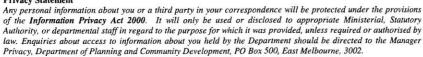
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Cr Gwenda Allgood Mayor Ararat Rural City Council PO Box 246 ARARAT VIC 3377

Dear Mayor

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VicRoads has sought my advice on the need for an Environment Effects Statement (EES), under the *Environment Effects Act 1978* (EE Act), for the proposed duplication of the Western Highway between Beaufort and Ararat.

I have determined that an EES is required for this project, as described in the referral accepted on 18 August 2010, for the reasons attached.

This letter provides notice to you, as a relevant decision-maker, under both sections 8A and 8B(4) of the EE Act. Therefore, I draw your attention to the provisions of section 8C of the Act, which prevent decisions from being made and works from proceeding until the EES has been completed and my subsequent assessment of the project has been considered. I raise this in the context of your future decisions under the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

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