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Dear Dr Diamond

Thank you for your letter of 10 December 2021 regarding Council's review of its role in the funding of school crossing supervision. I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Road safety, especially the safety of our school children, is paramount. I note that the Victorian Government committed \$41.1 million through the 2021-22 State Budget to the School Crossing Supervisor Program.

Since 1975, the School Crossing Supervisor Program has been in place to ensure school children are provided with a safe journey to and from school. This is in addition to other measures, such as school speed zones, school education programs and infrastructure improvements.

Road safety is a joint accountability of state and local government. Under the *Road Management Act 2004* and the *Transport Integration Act 2010*, state and local government must provide for the safe use of roads, ensuring these meet the needs and priorities of our communities. This includes taking reasonable precautions in response to foreseeable road safety risks.

The Department of Education and Training believes that the expertise of municipal councils, as one of the responsible road authorities, is critical in both determining if and when a crossing should be established near a school and whether such a crossing should be operated by a school crossing supervisor. The department is also of the view that the local municipal council, again as one of the responsible road authorities, is best placed to maintain responsibility for staffing a school crossing.

The department values the partnership with local government on the School Crossing Supervisor Program and consequently expects that any change to these long-standing, effective and cooperative arrangements would be a result of discussion and consensus rather than any unilateral decisions.

Thank you again for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

**Jenny Atta**  
Secretary  
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