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Ms Janie Finlay MP
Member for Bass

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Dear Ms Finlay

On 3 March 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

My question is to the Minister for Infrastructure. Many residents in Exeter have contacted me with serious and ongoing concerns about pedestrian safety. Community members, including parents, older residents and school-aged children, are telling me and our candidate for Rosevears, Ben Mckinnon, as recently as the Exeter Show on the weekend, that the proposed crossings feel unsafe and visibility is poor, especially at peak times. While the proposed new crossings have been flagged, the community is clear that they are not well placed, there are not enough and they do not adequately address the broader safety risks on this stretch of road. There are now also concerns in Legana about crossings that have been implemented that are extremely unsafe. People want practical, on-the-ground solutions, not box-ticking exercises. They want to be heard and understood. Minister, will you meet directly with me and members of the West Tamar community to listen and implement meaningful road safety measures for the community?

This project underwent public consultation in March 2025, with further consultation in early December 2025. I have personally visited Exeter to view options for pedestrian crossings on more than one occasion and have met community members in the town, as well as having had regular conversations with Member for Rosevears Jo Palmer MLC; one of the strongest advocates for her community I have met.

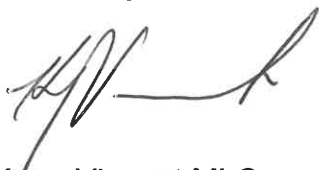
During the December public consultation, the Department of State Growth announced its preferred design. The Department also announced its intention to trial two pedestrian refuge island crossing locations (one outside the police station and one outside Shakers Takeaway) for a six-month period as well as a 40 km/h speed limit through the Exeter town centre during business hours for 12 months from December 2025.

This project has been well consulted and is well considered, and I reject your assertion that these road safety measures are not meaningful.

The Exeter pedestrian safety improvements preferred design includes two new refuge island crossings, two new kerb outstand crossings, and upgrades to one existing refuge island crossing. The preferred design will provide five crossing points within the town centre which should satisfy your comment that the two trial sites are not sufficient on their own. It was determined that the proposed five non-signalled crossings provide the best balance of improved safety and efficiency for pedestrians and road users.

During the design phase, the Department considered several treatment options including signalisation and zebra crossings to determine how to improve pedestrian crossings in Exeter town centre. Treatment options such as zebra crossings and traffic lights were not considered appropriate at this location due to how and when people currently cross the road and the town's traffic patterns.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kerry Vincent', written in a cursive style.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport