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Dear Ms Butler

On 9 September 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

*My question is from the adjoining landowners of Illawarra Road. Farmers along Illawarra Road are being told to call Tasmania Police to stop traffic so they can move stock between paddocks, while others must regularly stop traffic themselves to allow B doubles carrying livestock to enter and exit their properties. Despite millions being spent on upgrades, these problems remain, and landowners continue to be denied access to the project's safety in design register. Given Illawarra Road remains an 80 kilometre per hour rural road and provides only minimal time savings over the existing highway network, when will you release the safety in design register, meet with affected landowners and stop treating this farming corridor as a freight shortcut at the expense of the right to farm and road safety?*

Thank you for your question in the House on 9 September 2026 regarding constituent concerns about the current and proposed upgrades to Illawarra Road.

I acknowledge there have been concerns expressed by adjoining landowners regarding vehicle access and stock movements.

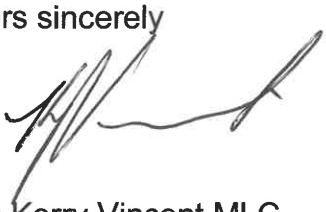
I attended a meeting with a number of landowners in Longford on 13 October, accompanied by the Secretary of Building Tasmania. The meeting provided the opportunity for the landowners to explain their concerns and discuss potential solutions with the Secretary.

The Secretary has committed to have the design reviewed in the context of issues raised at the meeting and provide a response detailing what changes can be made to address the issues or why specific requests cannot be accommodated.

The Secretary was also able to explain the Safety in Design register is a document which identifies potential safety risks to workers in the construction and maintenance of the road and mitigants to those risks. The register has a very specific and narrow purpose and does not explain how the design was developed in the context of traffic movement or safety of road users.

I have received feedback the landowners found the meeting very productive, appreciating the opportunity to discuss their concerns and the commitment for the design to be reviewed.

Yours sincerely



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**Minister for Infrastructure and Transport**