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Mr Roger Jaensch MP
Member for Braddon

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Dear Mr Jaensch

On 3 December 2025 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

I have a question from a constituent regarding the proposed heavy vehicle rest area at Fossey River on the Murchison Highway. My constituent is not a truck driver but a volunteer driver who brings people from the west coast to Burnie for appointments and the existing facilities at Fossey River are unsuitable for some of his older clients. When will the new heavy vehicle rest area be built and will it be accessible to the public or just to truck drivers?

The tender for construction of the Fossey River Heavy Vehicle Rest Area on the Murchison Highway has been advertised. The selection of the site resulted from consultation with the Tasmanian Transport Association and the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

The toilet facility can be locked if required, however will remain unlocked to enable access for heavy vehicle drivers and the broader public. This means the toilet facilities will be open to the public and there will not be keys required.

The upgrade of the heavy vehicle driver rest area at Fossey River is part of a national undertaking under the Heavy Vehicle Driver Rest Areas initiative. Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas are designed to help heavy vehicle drivers meet their needs for rest, breaks and vehicle checks, and recognises proactive management of heavy vehicle driver health, safety and wellbeing is a priority for Tasmanian road freight operators.

I trust this information will be of assistance to your constituent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Vincent", written over a white background.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport