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Dear Dr Broad

On 13 August 2026, you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

Emily from Wynyard asks the Infrastructure Minister: the roads are in dire need of resurfacing along the Bass Highway right across the north west coast, including some roads that are practically brand new. When is the Government going to ensure our roads are built and maintained to the correct standard for Tasmania?

Thank you for the question on behalf of your constituent, Emily. I am pleased to advise yearly summer road resurfacing programs occur across the State including the north west coast.

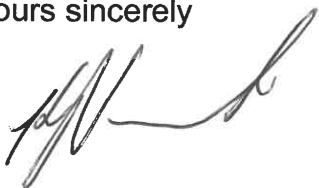
You will be pleased to know more than 84 resurfacing sites across Tasmania are included in the 2026-27 summer road maintenance program, including 30 sites in your electorate across the north west and 16 sites on the Bass Highway. These programs help keep the State Road Network safe, reliable and well-maintained for all our road users.

Tasmania's State roads are required to be constructed to established standards and specifications which are appropriate for Tasmanian conditions. Independent quality assurance processes are used during construction to verify these requirements are met. Where works do not meet the required standards, contractors are required to rectify or redo the work at their cost.

Several freight routes in north west Tasmania, including the Bass Highway, Ridgley Highway and Murchison Highway, have been badly affected by heavy rainfall over the past two years, resulting in a greater number of potholes than normal at times. As you might attest to, annual rainfall volumes in the north west are higher on average than other regions, which is also a key contributing factor to higher pothole numbers when combined with heavy vehicle volumes on freight routes. Roadways was awarded the north west contract and will deliver the resurfacing over the warmer summer months.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you and your constituent. I thank you again for your ongoing focus on the quality of our roads.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Vincent', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
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