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Ms Jen Butler MP
Member for Lyons

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Dear Ms Butler

On 6 May 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

My constituent question is from Annette, of Longford. The interstate proponent of the heavy truck refuelling depot on Tannery Road, Longford, has now applied for a building permit. State Growth, as the authority for Tannery Road, issued the road access permit for the development, not the Northern Midlands Council, despite the unworkable entry, exit and road safety issues. Does the Minister accept the Government has a duty of care to ensure the safety of the people of Longford and surrounds and therefore will be held accountable if any injury occurs as a result? Will the Minister ensure the fuel depot cannot open or operate until all roadworks at Tannery Road pertaining to this development are completed? Can the Minister please confirm the Tasmanian taxpayer will be paying the estimated \$5 million for the roadworks on Tannery Road for this private development?

In response to your question, it is important to understand the background in relation to this development so I will repeat these here.

This development, which is on a State road adjacent to the Longford JBS Australia meat works, was rejected by the Council against its own officers' advice to approve it.

The development subsequently received approval following an appeal by the developer to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, ultimately with the Council's full consent, with the Council choosing not to impose any conditions.

Under planning laws, the Minister has no powers to intervene, override or influence any decision of TASCAT or the Council in its role as the planning authority.

You would be aware the Department of State Growth did not approve this development and the Department's role was to approve a works permit for works undertaken on this State-owned road to ensure its safety. The department's Traffic Engineering team reviews all TIA's against national road design standards and

guidelines and accepts or rejects the findings. Your question in relation to the Government's accountability for injuries at the site reflects a distinct misunderstanding of the Government's role and a slight on the hard-working staff at the Department of State Growth..

The Department has engaged a consultant to prepare an Options Assessment report on the impact of future widening of Tannery Road at this location. Once this is finalised, the Northern Midlands Council will be briefed on the report.

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