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Ms Kristie Johnston MP
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Dear Ms Johnston

In the House of Assembly on 3 September 2026, you asked the following question:

My question from a constituent in New Town who is asking about the Queens Domain Master Plan 2013-2033, which identifies six proposed new bridges to improve pedestrian and cycle access to the domain, connecting residential areas, the city centre and the Derwent foreshore. Of those six, the plan names three as priorities subject to funding, including bridge 4, a Brooker Highway crossing linking New Town and North Hobart to Clearys Gates. That was 13 years ago. Minister, can you tell the House what work, if any, has been done on bridge 4 since the master plan was adopted? Has funding ever been allocated or budgeted for? If not, will you commit to reviewing the master plan's priority of bridges, starting with Clearys Gates, so Hobart residents finally get the safe pedestrian and cycle access that this promised them over a decade ago?

Thank you for the question on behalf of your constituent.

The Queens Domain Masterplan 2013- 2033 is a City of Hobart strategy document, not a Tasmanian Government plan, which reflects Council's long-term vision for the Queens Domain and future planning considerations.

The Tasmanian Government has committed $1 million to investigate improvements to efficiency and safety on the Brooker and Domain highways, building on the 2019 Domain Highway Long Term Planning Study. Building Tasmania is currently investigating options for the Brooker Highway/Domain Highway interchange, and the Brooker Highway through to Park Street.

This work is considering traffic flow, potential increase in through- and turning-lanes to provide capacity for future traffic volumes, potential bus priority measures, vehicle merging and queuing, pedestrian safety, and future improved connections between New Town with the Queens Domain, as outlined in Council's masterplan.

Concept options are expected to be released for community consultation in the first half of 2027. The City of Hobart will be a key stakeholder prior to this broad consultation commencing. This consultation will inform consideration for future funding allocations and submissions to the Australian Government.

Improvements to pedestrian connectivity between New Town and the Queens Domain are being considered as part of the current concept planning work. No preferred crossing solution or location has been identified at this stage.

Any future crossing would need to be assessed in the context of broader road network impacts, minimum road height clearance requirements, pedestrian and cyclist accessibility requirements, geotechnical and engineering considerations, road safety guidelines, land use and property impacts. It would also be subject to further assessment, engagement with the City of Hobart, and identification of suitable funding arrangements.

Thank you again for the question and I trust this information will be of assistance to your constituent.

Yours sincerely

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