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Dr Shane Broad MP
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Dear Dr Broad

In the House of Assembly on 10 September 2026, you asked the following question:

My question is from Michael in Devonport who asks: have you forgotten about the Bass Highway? People in the north west want to know when they're going to see real investment in the roads they use every day.

Thank you for the question, and I hope reassuringly for your constituent I have not forgotten about the Bass Highway. I travel it regularly and when I'm not it is never far from the front of my mind.

There is significant investment being delivered across the region, with upgrades to key highways and transport corridors making our roads safer and helping keep our communities connected. As you may be aware, six priority road safety projects are included within the $1.7 billion being invested in Tasmania's roads over the next four years.

The Bass Highway, in particular, is a critical transport link for the North West, carrying freight, tourists, and local motorists every day. This why we have made substantial investments in this strategic route, delivering upgrades which support both safety and economic growth.

Some of the major projects include:

- $290 million for upgrades on the national Category 1 Bass Highway corridor between Devonport and Launceston
- $100 million for upgrades on the Wynyard to Marrawah section of the Bass Highway, with $37 million remaining to be delivered
- Finalisation of $50 million of upgrades to the Bass Hwy - Cooee to Wynyard section
- $31 million for the Devonport to Cradle Mountain Corridor improvements and
- Upgrades to the Ridgley and Stanley highways.

These are the kinds of projects I hope make a real difference for North West communities. They improve safety, reduce the risk of crashes, enhance travel times and ensure people can get where they need to more efficiently.

We are also making significant investments in road maintenance with $423 million being pumped into our road network over the next four years. Our summer maintenance program alone includes 30 resurfacing sites in the North West and 16 on the Bass Highway.

Thank for your continued advocacy of your community and interest in the Tasmanian road network. I trust this information will be of assistance to you and your constituent.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport