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Dr Shane Broad MP  
Member for Braddon

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Dear Dr Broad

On 14 April 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

*A number of constituents have raised serious concerns with me about the frequency of crashes on the Bass Highway and, in particular, on the Don Hill between Waverley and Cutts Roads. As the Minister would be aware, it took six months to complete repairs on a section of the barrier, only for another crash to occur within two weeks, but I note that it was repaired within less than 24 hours, which was a massive improvement. Has the Government undertaken any formal investigation of this section of road and, if so, what were the findings and, if not, why not? Further, what specific actions will the government*

I am pleased to provide the following detailed crash information and an explanation of the Department's mitigation measures in response to your question.

Between 2021 and 2025 there have been 27 reported crashes on the Bass Highway between Waverley Road and Cutts Road. This excludes three crashes at the Bass/Waverley intersection and one at the Bass/Cutts intersection.

These 27 crashes comprised 12 minor injury crashes, one first aid crash, and 14 property damage only crashes. There have been no fatalities or serious injury crashes on this section of the Bass Highway during the past five years.

18 of these crashes occurred on the southbound carriageway, eight crashes took place on the northbound carriageway, and one was of an undetermined direction.

It is noteworthy that 15 of the southbound carriageway crashes involved vehicles losing control in wet conditions. An over-representation of these types of crashes can be an indicator of inadequate skid resistance. Pavement renewal works are planned for the 2026-27 financial year, which will involve resurfacing and improvements to drainage. At this stage, the project has had geotechnical works completed and is moving into the design phase.

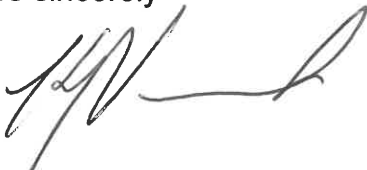
Additional road safety signage (slippery when wet) was installed on 22 April 2026 and the condition of the surface has been assessed on-site. This assessment determined it would be appropriate to complete water blasting works to improve surface texture at this location. The North-West regional maintenance contractor has been requested to complete these works this month.

Localised road shoulder and table drain maintenance was also undertaken on 22 April 2026 to improve stormwater flow.

The Department will continue to monitor the site after water blasting is carried out, to understand wet weather performance and determine appropriate treatment to be undertaken when the weather is suitable during the 2026-27 resurfacing season.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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**