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Ms Jen Butler MP
Member for Lyons

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Dear ~~Ms~~ Butler

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

My constituent question is from the landowners along Illawarra Road in the stage 2B and 2A upgrade. A risk analysis and risk register is a mandatory requirement for road and infrastructure projects. The landowners have been requesting this report for over a year and asking whether it includes a safety audit at the latest design of stage 2B, currently under construction. Have these assessments been conducted and, if so, would the Minister table these reports in the House?

The road designs for the four stages of the Illawarra Road upgrades have been completed by an experienced and qualified engineering consultant. The engineering consultants are to design the road to meet the relevant design guidelines including, but not limited to, Austroad's Guide to Road Design. There was no requirement for a pre-construction Road Safety Audit given the nature of the project being a typical road upgrade.

As part of the project design, a risk register was provided for the entire project. This is a live and regularly updated document. A Safety in Design Register for Stage 2B was also completed as part of the final design package.

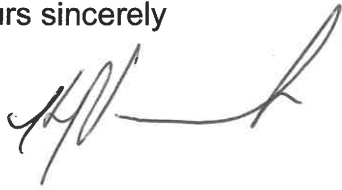
I am aware these reports were requested by an adjoining landowner in April 2025 as part of a request to the Commissioner for Transport for supply of various project documentation. Several documents were provided in June 2025.

The risk registers were not supplied as these are live documents which are regularly updated as the project progresses. They also contain sensitive land-owner specific information which should not be provided publicly or to individuals.

The Tasmanian and Australian Governments are committed to completing improvements to Illawarra Road to bring it to a category one standard and achieve a three-star AusRap safety rating, and have been at pains to work with neighbouring landowners through the process.

As I'm sure you would agree, the Tasmanian Government has a responsibility to complete this project in the best interests of all Tasmanians.

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