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Member for Braddon

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Dear Mr Broad

On 20 August 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

My question is from John, from Port Sorell. With the last major rainfall, parts of our roads fell to pieces. The potholes were patched quickly, which was great, but no further repairs have been carried out and those patches already starting to crumble. When is the Government actually going to fix the underlying problem rather than continuing to patch the symptoms?

Thank you for the question on behalf of your constituent, John from Port Sorell.

The condition of roads across the North West has been a significant concern following the extended periods of heavy rainfall experienced during June and July 2026, which caused widespread damage to road pavements across the region. Potholes develop more rapidly in the North West during prolonged wet weather, and higher volumes of heavy vehicle traffic can further accelerate pavement deterioration.

In response, maintenance contractors have mobilised additional pavement crews to undertake repairs and maintain road safety. The Bass Highway is currently inspected twice each week and will continue to be closely monitored so potholes and other pavement defects can be identified and repaired as quickly as possible.

Representatives from Building Tasmania and the maintenance contractor recently inspected several locations along the Bass Highway between Parramatta Creek and Latrobe to identify the worst pothole-affected sections and develop a priority asphalt patching program. It is expected work under this program will commence imminently.

The Government recognises long-term solutions are required in addition to routine pothole repairs. As part of the 2025-26 resurfacing program, twelve resurfacing sites were completed on the Bass Highway, including five spray seal sites and seven asphalt sites.

Resurfacing contracts have now been awarded, with Roadways Pty Ltd awarded the contract for North West Tasmania. A further sixteen resurfacing sites are scheduled along the Bass Highway, which has been identified as a high priority. Scheduled works will be published on the Roadworks Roundup map to help keep the community informed about upcoming roadworks.

In addition to resurfacing works, a range of measures are being implemented to improve road condition and performance, including priority asphalt patching at targeted locations, drainage and culvert maintenance, removal of high verges to improve water runoff, installation of hazard signage where immediate repairs are not possible, and preparation of pavement renewal designs for sections of the Bass Highway north of the Don River Bridge.

Where previous construction works have failed prematurely, contractors are responsible for carrying out rectification works. Building Tasmania is working closely with those contractors to ensure the required repairs are completed as quickly as possible.

Thank you for the question, your ongoing advocacy for better quality roads on behalf of Tasmanians, and I trust this information will be of assistance to your constituent.

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