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Roger Jaensch MP
Liberal member for Braddon

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Dear Mr Jaensch,

On March 18th you asked the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Consumer Affairs the following question:

The government has committed support for the revitalisation of the Smithton CBD through Circular Head Council. Can you please provide an update on what stage this project is at and what benefits the government expects for local businesses, foot traffic, and community confidence in Smithton?

I am responding as the Minister for Local Government and am pleased to advise in the 2024/25 Budget the Department of Premier and Cabinet allocated \$250,000 to the Circular Head Council for the revitalisation of the Smithton CBD.

The Circular Head Council has confirmed the funding was acquitted for developing a masterplan for Smithton, and the ensuing Smithton Town Centre Plan was formally adopted by Council in November 2025.

The plan seeks to provide a clear, strategic framework to guide the revitalisation of Smithton's commercial and community heart. Through a staged approach beginning with practical, low-cost actions in Phase One and progressing toward long-term projects in Phase Two, the Town Centre Plan sets out a pathway for creating a more vibrant, accessible, and connected town centre.

The full plan can be found on Council's website at www.circularhead.tas.gov.au.

Council is now focussed on identifying funding opportunities to move from the design phase to begin implementation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kerry Vincent", written in a cursive style.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Local Government