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Ms Anita Dow MP
Member for Braddon

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Dear Ms Dow

On 17 June 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

Helen asks the Minister why there hasn't been maintenance and repairs undertaken on Victoria Pass, which is 30 kilometres from Queenstown. I understand that Helen has written to various ministers over various years about the safety improvements that are required on that stretch of road and there's been nothing done to improve signage, warnings or any repairs been undertaken and Helen would like to see some repairs undertaken.

Thank you for the question on behalf of your constituent and for raising Helen's concerns regarding the condition and safety of Victoria Pass on the Lyell Highway.

For the 9.2-kilometre section of the Lyell Highway between Cardigan Creek and Nelson River (Victoria Pass) resurfacing works were completed on 7 March 2025. These works involved the resurfacing of approximately 4.9 kilometres of road, extending from 0.7 kilometres east of Nelson River to 3.6 kilometres west of Cardigan Creek.

Building Tasmania will undertake a review of the warning signage and road delineation along this section of the Lyell Highway. This review will consider whether there are opportunities to improve the existing safety treatments for motorists using the route.

It is important to recognise the Lyell Highway is a windy, low-volume rural road which traverses challenging terrain through Tasmania's West Coast region. Nevertheless, the safety of all road users remains a priority, and any identified improvements will be considered as part of ongoing road network management and maintenance.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport