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From: Vincent, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, 7 October 2025 10:06 AM
To: Minister Vincent
Subject: Constituent inquiry - Bass Hwy and Stanley Hwy

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Sent: Monday, 6 October 2025 3:38 PM
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Subject: Constituent inquiry - Bass Hwy and Stanley Hwy

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Hi Kerry

At last weekend's Burnie Chow I was approached by constituents from Stanley who raised the following questions:

1. Recent heavy rain has increased the size and number of potholes on the Bass Highway between Smithton and Burnie, including newly upgraded sections. Please advise what immediate and longer-term action is being taken to address the associated significant road safety and vehicle damage risks.
2. Upgrades to the Stanley Highway have been committed at previous elections. Is there an update on commencement of these works?

The constituents said the local community may be happy to push the commencement of Stanley Hwy works back if resources need to be diverted to deal with potholes on the Bass Hwy.

Any advice you could provide that I could pass on to these and other constituents from the area would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Roger Jaensch MP

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Roger Jaensch MP
Member for Braddon

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Dear Mr Jaensch

Thank you for your correspondence regarding concerns raised by your constituents in Stanley about the condition of Bass Highway between Smithton and Burnie, and the timing of upgrades to the Stanley Highway.

I am advised recent heavy rain has made potholes worse on the Bass Highway, including on parts which were recently upgraded. Our maintenance contractor is fixing the potholes and will continue to check the road regularly. Downer is also currently repairing a section of highway in the Ashgrove Cheese area at their own cost due to pavement failures from one of their previous road projects.

In addition to routine inspections and repairs, I am advised work on the road between Mt Hicks Road at Wynyard and Comeback Road at Redpa has already started. Further works are also planned for the section between Burnie and Mt Hicks over the coming months, once resources become available. Over summer, there is also resurfacing planned for the Bass Highway through Cooe and for sections between Smithton and Marrawah.

Regarding the Stanley Highway, the Tasmanian Government is committed to these upgrades. Land acquisition is currently progressing, and the next stage of construction is expected to commence in mid-2026 along a 2.8km section of road just outside the township of Stanley.

I appreciate the community's understanding as the Department of State Growth manages weather and project scheduling where sometimes issues like acquisition and designs can take time to resolve. The department will continue to monitor road conditions and prioritise safety.

I thank you for reaching out and trust this information is of assistance to you in responding to your constituents' concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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From: Minister Vincent <Minister.Vincent@dpac.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 3 November 2025 9:43 AM
To: Jaensch, Roger
Subject: Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport
Attachments: Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.PDF

Good morning

Please find attached correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Kind regards

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Subject: Correspondence

Dear Minister,
 Please see attached correspondence sent on behalf of Hon Ruth Forrest MCL.

Kind Regards,

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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
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16 January 2026

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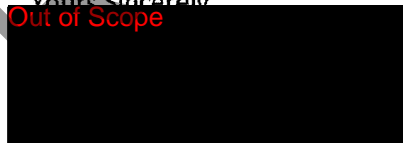
Dear Minister, *Kerry*

I am writing regarding the condition of Corinna Road, between the township of Corinna and Savage River in the North-West, as well as Norfolk Road, following an enquiry from a constituent who was concerned about the state of the roads following a trip from the Arthur River to Waratah via Norfolk Road prior to Christmas. The trip took an extended time due to the large number of potholes and other damage to the road, resulting in her being only able to travel at 30-50 km/h.

Given that it is tourist season she is concerned about the safety of interstate visitors, particularly those who may be towing caravans. The constituent made a report to the Department of State Growth, who have undertaken to investigate her complaint, but would appreciate support in getting some improvement to what is promoted as a tourist route.

Are you able to investigate this matter and indicate if any maintenance work has been scheduled for the roads in question and if so, when is this work due to take place?

Yours Sincerely
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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR MURCHISON

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From: Minister Vincent <Minister.Vincent@dpac.tas.gov.au>
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Please find attached a letter from the Hon Kerry Vincent MLC, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Regards

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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
Member for Murchison

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Dear Ms Forrest

Thank you for your correspondence regarding your constituents' concerns about the condition of Corinna Road and Norfolk Road.

Our maintenance contractor has been fixing potholes on Corinna Road from 29 December 2025. These pothole repairs are ongoing. Culvert cleaning is also underway, with approximately 35 culverts listed as still requiring clearing by the contractors.

Regarding Norfolk Road, an inspection of the road is taking place this week (the week beginning Monday, 2 February 2026). This inspection will scope out the preparations needed to grade Norfolk Road. The grading will add extra material to the road as necessary, to create a smoother road surface. This repair work will likely take place in April 2026, depending on weather and other conditions.

The community is also encouraged to report maintenance issues and hazards to the State Roads 24/7 hotline on 1300 139 933. This hotline operates every day of the year, even on Christmas Day. Issues are logged with the contractor for prioritisation, with urgent safety hazards attended to within hours of being identified.

I thank you for reaching out and I trust this clarifies the matters raised.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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CM MIN 25/45652

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Attachments: Letter from Treasurer Abetz to Minister Vincent 13.11.pdf

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Dear Minister,

Please find attached a letter from the Hon. Eric Abetz for your attention.

Kind Regards

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 Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal
 Leader of the House
 Liberal Member for Franklin

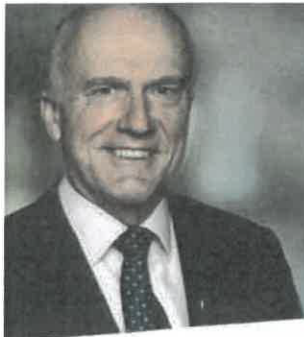
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Eric Abetz

Liberal Member for **Franklin**



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Dear Minister Vincent, *Kerry,*

Re: Dennes Point Main Rd – Bruny Island

Recently, I met with Ms Tammy Price, President of the Bruny Island Community Association Inc., and Mr David Stewart, Chief Executive Officer of Kingborough City Council, to discuss matters relating to the maintenance of Dennes Point Main Road.

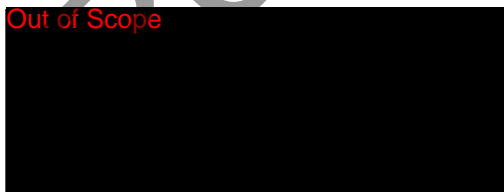
During the course of our discussions, it was conveyed that there is a level of dissatisfaction among local residents regarding the adequacy of the current maintenance arrangements. Specifically, concerns were raised that the servicing undertaken twice per year by Stornaway is insufficient when compared with the more responsive, service-level-based approach applied to council-managed roads on Bruny Island.

Mr Stewart indicated that Kingborough Council would be supportive of assuming management responsibility for Dennes Point Main Road should this lead to improved service outcomes and prove to be cost-effective.

In light of these discussions, I seek your consideration of the potential to disaggregate Bruny Island from the broader road maintenance contract currently held with Stornaway. I also request that the Department of State Growth engage with Kingborough Council to determine which entity is best positioned to manage the ongoing maintenance of Dennes Point Main Road, having regard to both cost-effectiveness and the quality of service delivery, and to respond accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

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Eric Abetz MP
Liberal Member for Franklin

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From: Minister Vincent <Minister.Vincent@dpac.tas.gov.au>
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Subject: Correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport[SEC=OFFICIAL]
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Good morning

Please find attached correspondence from the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Kind regards

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23 DEC 2025

Hon Eric Abetz MP
Member for Franklin

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Dear Mr Abetz

I write in response to your letter to me of 13 November in relation to the maintenance of Dennes Point Road on Bruny Island in your electorate.

I apologise for the delay in responding but this has enabled me to gather information on your proposal to engage the Kingborough Council to resume maintenance responsibility over the road.

As you may be aware, Kingborough Council previously maintained State Roads on Bruny Island on behalf of the Government until 31 July 2022.

I am aware in discussions the Base Contract responsibility of weekly road inspections and dynamic pothole management was discussed, along with the biannual road grading. However, a range of other minor works are undertaken by the Department's contractor and since resuming responsibility in July 2022, the Government has undertaken \$300,000 in minor works activity on the unsealed section, \$182,000 on re-sheeting and additional grading, \$60,000 on drainage, \$36,000 on tree management and \$25,000 on miscellaneous works.

The current service levels prescribed in the contract are the same as the service levels prescribed in the previous Council contract.

The Department's advice is there is no evidence Dennes Point Main Road has been deteriorating but acknowledges the numerous customer requests. I have received detailed advice on these requests from the Department and note there were 27 customer requests in the 2024-25 financial year and four to date in the current financial year.

Council has not formally communicated a proposal to take over routine maintenance of the Bruny Island State Road Network and it is important to note it was the Council which advised it no longer wanted to continue the road maintenance contract.

The Government would be open to a proposal from the Council to take on responsibility for all or part of Dennes Point Road (Bruny Main Road) through a proclamation under the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*. Department officers will open discussions with the Council in 2026 to understand its formal position.

It should be noted any withdrawal of the service would have cost implications, and I am advised at the time the previous contract ended in 2022, the Council's costs were four times that of the Department's road maintenance contractor for the same levels of service. Furthermore, additional maintenance funding would likely be required if moving to a contract with the Council to deliver routine maintenance activities based on the Council's costings provided to the Department. These extra costs can only be verified by a quotation from the Council.

Yours sincerely
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Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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