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House of Assembly, Parliament House

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Dear Mr Hennessy

Further to your letter of 6 August 2019 requesting additional information, please find below our responses.

### **1. Update on changes to Design subsequent to hearing**

The Department of State Growth gave a commitment, at the hearing, to look into whether it would be viable to provide an acceleration lane, heading north, from the Highland Lakes Road junction.

Following the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works hearing, the Department reviewed this request and concluded that a short acceleration lane can be included at this location. However, as a result of the recent fatal crash at the junction of Midland Highway and Highland Lakes Road, the inclusion of the acceleration lane has been postponed pending the outcome of the review of the intersection directed by the Minister.

In addition to the above, the design has been amended to accommodate another of Mr McShane's concerns. The length of the south bound climbing lane has been extended by approximately 350m, closer toward Lovely Banks Road. This improved functionality has been provided to minimize the difference in travel speed between heavy vehicles and light vehicles.

### **2. Triple checking of sight lines south of Lovely Banks property entrance.**

In accordance with the commitment to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works hearing, the Departments design engineers have re-affirmed (triple checked) that the current proposed design satisfies the sight distance requirements of the national road design guideline (Austroads).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shane Gregory".

Shane Gregory  
**General Manager State Roads**

8 August 2019