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Ms Jen Butler MP
Member for Lyons

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Dear Ms Butler

On 13 November 2025 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

State Growth has developed a traffic management strategy for the proposed Lowes BP fuel stop site on Tannery Road, Longford. I'm advised it is dangerous and not compliant with Australian guidelines. A planning permit should never have been signed off. It is not supported by the community and not conducive to truck drivers having to mitigate sharp turning areas for refuelling. The site location is inappropriate.

Even though the fuel site is privately owned, State Growth are building and paying for an entry/exit point on Tannery Road to accommodate B-double trucks for a private business. It is our understanding that cancelling the fuel stop planning permit could lead to litigation by the developer against State Growth. What is the current status of the fuel stop build? Why should the taxpayer have to foot the estimated \$3 million to \$5 million to pay for yet another infrastructure stuff-up?

The Local Planning Authority, Northern Midlands Council is responsible for assessing and either approving or refusing planning applications.

A planning application was submitted to Northern Midlands Council which council considered and voted against on 16 October 2023 to develop an unstaffed truck fuel stop on Tannery Road.

This proposed truck fuel stop was subsequently approved through an appeal process, with the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT) issuing an appeal decision issued on 2 July 2024, which was followed by Council approval in July 2024.

As Tannery Road is part of the State Road Network, Council is required to have the department review and provide advice on the traffic impacts of proposed developments on this road.

The Department of State Growth originally reviewed the proposed access as part of its review of the Traffic Impact Assessment that was developed for the Development Application process.

Both the department and Council agreed with the final Traffic Impact Assessment findings, that the proposed access is acceptable from the perspectives of road safety and traffic movement.

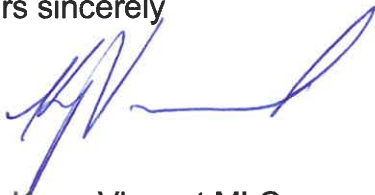
The department is satisfied that the site-access design, submitted by the applicant, aligns with Austroads Guidelines. The design will allow B-double vehicles to enter and exit the site without crossing into opposing traffic on Tannery Road.

While the site access itself is the responsibility of the applicant, the department is undertaking further work to identify if broader improvements to Tannery Road, beyond the private access works, need to be considered.

The department has engaged a consultant to develop an Option Assessment Report to understand the impacts, the benefits, and estimated costs of any future road widening at this location.

The consultant has recently submitted the draft design options, which are currently being reviewed by the department.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Kerry Vincent', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport