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Ms Janie Finlay MP
Member for Bass

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Dear Ms Finlay

On 6 November 2025 you asked me the following constituent question in the House:

My constituent question today is from Duncan about the Frankford Highway, and not only has Duncan raised this with me directly, but many people contact my office regularly about the upgrades of the Frankford Highway. Has the \$44 million that was allocated by the federal government remained secure with the delays to this project and on what specific date will the works commence on the Frankford Highway upgrades?

I am advised there is no risk on the Federal Government's commitment.

This is part of the Northern Roads Package which has a total commitment of \$55 million (\$44 million from the Australian Government and \$11 million from the Tasmanian Government). These funds are for road upgrades including road widening, shoulder sealing and surface improvements to the key interregional freight linkages through the Batman Highway, Birralelee Road, and Frankford Road.

This is a package approach with the next tender for Birralelee Road (Birralelee - Brushy Rivulet to Frankford Road) to be advertised in February 2026 with expected completion in 2027. Design and investigation for Frankford Road works is continuing and is expected be completed in mid-2026.

The delivery timing and extent of the Frankford Road upgrades will be informed by the completion of the Birralelee Road upgrades.

I trust this information will be useful in responding to your constituents.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport