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Ms Tabatha Badger MP
Member for Lyons

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Dear Ms Badger

In Parliament on 11 November 2025, you asked the following constituent question:

My question is from constituents in Swanwick. The public bus route 744 currently goes along the main Coles Bay Road where there are no bus stops. However, in Swanwick itself, there is a perfectly good bus stop right outside the recreation ground. At the moment, school kids are being forced to wait on a main road. Will you expand public bus route 744 to go through Swanwick? It is not a particularly large area to drive through and is a rapidly expanding area where we are seeing more children.

Will you expand the bus service through Swanwick and Coles Bay into the future? What are your plans? This is an area where there is also an ageing population that needs to be able to come to Hobart for medical appointments, to visit families, and an area where people would like to come to, to visit the national park by public transport as well.

The Department of State Growth has indicated it has already been in contact with the constituent in question about this matter.

State Growth will assess whether this change is feasible, including any impacts on the existing interchange timings at Bicheno and St Marys. As part of this assessment, State Growth will also need to consider the installation of a new *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* compliant bus stop to ensure there are stops on both sides of the road.

Once this work is complete, the Department will be able to determine whether the diversion can be progressed.

I thank you for your question and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport