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Dear Mr <sup>PETER</sup>George

In the House of Assembly on 20 May 2026, you asked the following question:

*My question comes from my constituent Mark Rowlings of Bruny Island. On 30 April 2026, Mark and his wife were driving home on the Highland Lakes Road, about 10 kilometres south of Bothwell, when a car coming from the opposite direction crossed the double white lines around a blind corner and hit them head-on. Mark's wife spent several days in hospital with injuries from the crash. They were both lucky to survive. Inexplicably, the speed limit for this stretch of road is 100 kilometres per hour, despite it being known as an accident hot spot, as illustrated by the horrifying footage recently shared by the ABC of a large truck driving dangerously along that road. Will you review the speed limit for the dangerous stretch of road before more Tasmanians are seriously injured or killed?*

Firstly, I want to acknowledge Mr Rowlings and his wife's experiences on the road. It must have been incredibly difficult, and I am very glad his wife has recovered.

Speed limits in Tasmania are set by the Commissioner for Transport following an application by the relevant road authority – in this case, the Department of State Growth. As Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, I take no part in the decision-making process for speed limit changes.

I am pleased to advise, however, following representations to the Department by Mr Rowlings an application to reduce the speed limit on a section of Highland Lakes Road between Bothwell and Apsley has been prepared for the Commissioner for Transport's consideration. The community will be notified of any decision once made by the Commissioner.

I trust this information is of assistance in responding to the concerns of your constituents.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
**Minister for Infrastructure and Transport**