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Ms Helen Burnet MP
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Dear Ms Burnet

In the House of Assembly on 28 May 2026, you asked the following question:

My question is from a borderline Clark constituent. Julian in Longley says that bus passengers in the Huon Valley feel unsafe at bus stops on the Sandfly Road intersection, with a lack of shelter, stops far from residential areas and no safe way to walk to stops. Minister, what is your government doing to improve safe access to public transport for residents in the Huon and other regional areas?

The bus shelter at the intersection of Sandfly Road and Huon Highway was severely damaged by a car collision in November 2025 and was removed. A replacement shelter is due to be installed before the end of July 2026, weather permitting.

The Tasmanian Government made a 2021 election commitment of up to \$10 million to support the delivery of all-access, all-weather bus stops at priority locations state-wide. Funding under this program was in part made available to local councils through a co-contribution grant program to deliver upgrades to bus stops within their municipal areas, and in part used by the Department of State Growth to upgrade bus stops on state road corridors. The funding from this program has now been fully expended.

Under the upgrade program, the 15 highest priority bus stops along the Huon Highway were completed in February 2026.

In addition, as part of Tasmanian and Australian Government funding commitments for the Huon Highway:

- upgrades to a further two bus stops and pedestrian safety near the intersection of Huon Highway and Mountain River Road at Grove are expected to be complete in early 2027, and
- design work is underway for improving the bus stops at the Huon Highway/Leslie Road intersection, as part of an overall intersection upgrade.

The Tasmanian Government has delivered and continues to progress several initiatives to support active transport infrastructure. This funding has been used to provide a range of active transport connections, including improving connections to bus stops.

An example of this includes the shared path delivered as part of the Huon Link Road project which was completed March 2025.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport