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The Secretary  
Public Works Committee  
Parliament of Tasmania  
Parliament House  
Hobart TAS 7000

11 May 2016

Dear Mr Hennessy,

I am writing regarding the Huon Highway and Summerleas Road intersection upgrade and the inclusion of a second lane travelling from Huonville to Hobart from the new Summerleas Road overpass to the intersection with the Southern Outlet.

The current plan to include an overtaking lane on the Huon Highway for traffic travelling towards the Huon Valley and not for northbound traffics appears shortsighted and I believe will disadvantage road users.

The lack of consultation with both business and community members in the Huon region has been disappointing. The Summerleas Road intersection and Southern outlet are critical infrastructure to the region and it should be expected that consultation occur beyond the immediate Kingborough area.

Huon Aquaculture relies heavily on the roads travelling between Hobart and the Huon Valley. We have approximately 350 employees working in Southern Tasmania, many of which need to commute between north and south regularly.

As I understand, the reasoning for not including the second lane is that it has not been included in the budget for the overall works. With works being undertaken for the current plan this is the most cost efficient time to include the second lane, with any addition in the future requiring the same set up costs.

Servicing a fast growing residential area and significant industry activity further south, it is inevitable that traffic will increase in both directions. This is the most financially effective time to include lanes in both directions.

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Our submission to the Public Works Committee inquiry into the Huon Highway/Summerleas Road Intersection Upgrade is that:

1. The current design for the infrastructure upgrade does not adequately service northbound traffic, particularly for large scale business operating in the Huon region such as Huon Aquaculture.
2. The design does not provide for growth and adequate infrastructure into the future.
3. This is the most cost effective time for the development of a second lane as a result of the current planned works.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at [fbender@huonaqua.com.au](mailto:fbender@huonaqua.com.au).

Sincere regards,

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