

# Department of State Growth

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Mr. Scott Hennessy  
Secretary, Public Works Committee House of Assembly  
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### Greater Hobart Park and Ride – Public Works Committee Inquiry

Dear Mr. Hennessy,

Thank you for sending through the inquiry on 7 September 2023. Please refer to below addressing the inquiry.

1. Safety of pedestrian crossing at the Claremont Link Road and confirmation that a traffic count has been conducted.

The Claremont Park and Ride project involves the upgrade of the Claremont Link Road / Claremont College access road intersection.

With the addition of the park and ride site access, this intersection will become a four-way intersection with give way control. Pedestrian crossings have been designed clear of the intersection turning lanes, where the road is narrower and refuge islands will facilitate pedestrians to cross safely in a staged manner. Roadside pedestrian barriers will be considered to ensure pedestrians do not attempt to cross in unsafe locations.

The crossings designs are informed by Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 6: Intersections, Interchanges and Crossing Management, and Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 4: Intersections and Crossings.

The project engaged specialist consultants to undertake traffic counts at the existing intersection of Claremont Link Road and the Claremont College Access Road. The traffic counts were completed on Thursday 22nd July 2021 between 7:00am and 9:00am, and 2:30pm and 6:00pm. The counts identified the AM and PM peak hours as:

- AM Peak Hour: 8:00am – 9:00am, and
- PM Peak Hour: 2:45pm – 3:45pm.

The traffic volumes for the base condition in 2023 have been calculated by applying 2% growth rate per year to the traffic count volumes provided by the sub-consultant.

Based on the traffic count information, the selected pedestrian crossing treatment and refuge/traffic island design for Claremont Link Road conform with the Austroads Guide mentioned above.

2. Confirmation that there is an active plan for the management of the declared weed, serrated tussock, at the Rokeby Park and Ride site.

Weeds are assessed as part of the planning and design phase of State Roads road projects through desktop assessments and targeted weed surveys within the study area, which inform project specific Weed and Hygiene Management Plans. These management plans are contractual documents and include weed management obligations throughout the construction period within the project site. The focus of weed control for construction projects is weeds declared under the Biosecurity Act 2019.

The proposed site for the Rokeby Park and Ride project has a known infestation of serrated tussock (*Nassella trichotoma*) in proximity to the proposed project footprint. Serrated tussock is declared Zone B weed within the Clarence Local Government Area (LGA) and a Weed of National Significance (WoNS). Serrated tussock in this location has been treated under the State Roads Priority Weed Program over recent years.

It shall become the contractor's responsibility to implement the Weed Hygiene and Management Plan during the construction period to manage weed risks.

Please let me know if you have any further queries regarding the project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Vanessa King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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13 September 2023