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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,

In reference to your letter dated 7 September 2023, and our response sent on 13 September 2023, we acknowledge the receipt of your email dated 15 September 2023, in which you seek additional information. Please find below our response addressing your inquiry.

1. The Committee has requested that the department provide the actual traffic count data at the Claremont Link Road and Claremont College access road intersection.

In our initial response, the department provided information regarding the measures taken to incorporate best practices in design to ensure safe pedestrian crossings at Claremont Link Road. The department also confirmed that a traffic count was conducted as below.

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

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

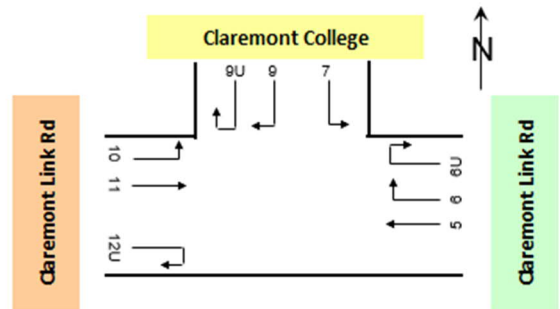
The traffic count targeted vehicles only. Bicycles and pedestrians were not part of the survey.

The peak traffic count is presented in the table below. As a guide to interpretation, please note the following:

- The table shows the number of light vehicles, the number of heavy vehicles and the total number of vehicles travelling in each direction through the intersection.
- The traffic count for the section highlighted in green represents the number of vehicles traveling in the western direction on Claremont Link Road.
- The traffic count for the section highlighted in orange represents the number of vehicles traveling in the eastern direction on Claremont Link Road.
- The traffic count for the section highlighted in yellow represents the number of vehicles traveling from Claremont College.
- The total vehicle count through the intersection between 8:00 and 9:00 was 779 vehicles, made up of 264 vehicles traveling west on Claremont Link Road, 54 traveling from Claremont College and 461 travelling east on Claremont Link Road.
- The total vehicle count through the intersection between 14:45 and 15:45 835 vehicles, made up of 326 vehicles traveling west on Claremont Link Road, 112 from Claremont College and 397 traveling east on Claremont Link Road.

Job No. : AUTAS1499
Client : Pitt & Sherry
Suburb : Claremont TAS
Location : 1. Claremont Link Rd / Claremont College Entrance

Day/Date : Thu, 22nd Jul 2021
Weather : Fine
Description : Classified Intersection Count
 : Peak Hour Summary



Approach		Claremont Link Rd			Claremont College			Claremont Link Rd			Grand Total
Time Period		Lights	Heavies	Total	Lights	Heavies	Total	Lights	Heavies	Total	
AM	8:00 to 9:00	441	20	461	50	4	54	246	18	264	779
PM	14:45 to 15:45	377	20	397	107	5	112	313	13	326	835

It is noted that the traffic volumes for the base condition in 2023 have been calculated by applying a 2% growth rate per year to the traffic count volumes which is considered reasonable in this location.

- Assurance is required regarding the department's oversight of the contractor's weed management effectiveness concerning serrated tussock, which is not just any weed.

As per the initial response, weeds are assessed as part of the planning and design phase of State Roads projects through desktop assessments and targeted weed surveys within the study area. These assessments inform project-specific Weed and Hygiene Management Plans, which include obligations for weed management throughout the construction period within the project site. It will be the contractor's responsibility to implement the Weed Hygiene and Management Plan during the construction period to effectively manage weeds.

The Rokeby Park and Ride project is currently in the preliminary design stage which includes the development of a Regulatory Approvals Plan (RAP). The RAP for the Rokeby Park and Ride recommends that field surveys be conducted as a project deliverable. If serrated tussock is identified at this site during the field surveys, the Department will advise our Contract Administrator to ensure that appropriate auditing and contract surveillance is undertaken to ensure the Contractor complies with the project-specific Weed and Hygiene Management Plan. The Project Manager for Rokeby Park and Ride will manage the process described above throughout the delivery of the project.

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

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa King
 MANAGER PROGRAMMING AND APPROVALS

18 September 2023