

Kings Meadows Bunnings Roundabout and Slip Lane – Safety

Ms FINLAY question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE

I was speaking yesterday to a constituent in Launceston regarding a letter to the editor in *The Examiner* written by Karen Eames of Hadsen, titled 'Split Lane Needs Attention'. She wrote:

I'm writing to express my deep concern regarding the slip lane leading to the roundabout near Bunnings Kings Meadows on the Bass Highway. It has become increasingly apparent that this slip lane is grossly inadequate to accommodate the traffic demands, particularly during peak hours. Recently I experienced a harrowing incident while waiting in line on the shoulder of the road to enter the slip lane. The congestion and danger posed by this insufficient slip lane has become all too common. ... This slip lane has become a critical bottleneck.

I implore you to take immediate action to address this pressing safety issue. The current conditions, compounded by the proximity of a blind hill and bend, pose an unacceptable risk to motorists' lives. I urge Roads Tasmania to prioritise this hazard situation before a tragic accident occurs.

The question from the constituent is, what immediate action is being taken to correct this risk and to make this section of road safe?