

9 May 2016

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Enquiries to: Simone Watson

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

Dear Mr Hennessy,

Huon Highway / Summerleas Road Intersection Upgrade

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission into the Huon Highway / Summerleas Road Intersection Upgrade.

The Huon Valley Council feels it necessary to make this submission as the consultation with respect to this project in the Huon Valley was largely non-existent. There was little to no engagement with the residents of the Huon Valley Municipal area or the businesses including large scale aquaculture and agricultural companies which regularly use this route for the transport of goods. The Council has received several enquiries in relation to this project and this submission summarises the central features of those communications.

In accordance with the terms of reference for the public works committee the following needs to be considered making a new submission:

- 1) the stated purpose of the works and
- 2) the necessity or advisability of carrying it out.

This submission centres on these two aspects. It is our submission that:

- 1) If the purpose of the works is to improve traffic safety and efficiency then this is not achieved as well as it could be within the current design.
- 2) If the purpose of the works is to ensure adequate infrastructure provision into the future then this is not achieved by the current design.
- 3) If the purpose of the works is promote ease of transport of goods and commuters then this is not achieved as well as it could be by the current design.

In order to address the above the design needs to be amended to include a second lane travelling from Huonville to Hobart from the new Summerleas road overpass to the intersection with the Southern Outlet. The design also needs to be amended to locate the bus stop in a location where parking is adjacent to the bus stop to enable effective commuting from the Huon Valley.

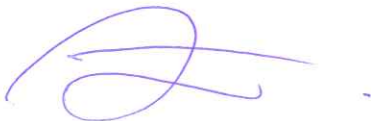


The advisability of carrying out of the work is significantly impaired due to the lack of the second Hobart bound lane and the above would be addressed with a minor design change to this effect. Further, the cost of providing for a second lane is significantly reduced by carrying out the works concurrently with the overall works as planned. In the event of having to undertake these works at a later date (which will occur due to the positive population growth in Kingborough and Huon regions) the costs are likely to be significantly increased without reason.

This matter has been discussed and it is understood that the primary reason for this second lane not being included at this stage is the budget for the works. It is considered that this is an unmeritorious reason to not carry out what is essentially a minor adjustment to design and construction at this stage.

If you require anything further then please don't hesitate to contact myself on 6266 0319 or swatson@huonvalley.tas.gov.au.

Kind regards



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