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**Re: Macquarie Heads Road  
Strahan Road Improvements**

Dear Shane,

I am writing in support of the Macquarie Heads Road Strahan Road Improvements.

The 5.2 kms of road between Strahan and Smith Cove Road will see an increase in truck traffic as the aquaculture industry on the West Coast continues to grow and we re-locate our operations from the Strahan Town centre to the new aqua-hub at Smiths Cove Road. Tassal encourages this growth as it is a key economic driver and major employer within the state and the local Strahan Community.

Community and employee health and safety continue to be of upmost importance to Tassal and the \$5.4 million funding made available through the Community Roads Program by the Department of State Growth will support both development and safety. This is a key route for the aquaculture industry and the allocation of funds to improve the road's condition is seen by Tassal as great support to Tasmania's economic development. This upgrade is necessary to meet the conditions of the approval for the shared aquaculture hub at Smith Cove.

Tassal believes this improvement is essential to accommodate increased traffic and to minimise the impact of industry growth. Additionally, it offers opportunity to provide pedestrian facilities and infrastructure to ensure a safer environment for our employees and the residents of Strahan.

Tassal supports the TSGA, West Coast council and Department of State Growth's work with the local community to address any concerns and associated with traffic noise, speed and pedestrian facilities.

Tassal believes in Zero Harm for Everyone, Everywhere and sincerely hopes the improvement is of a high priority. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ryan", is positioned below the "Kind regards," text.

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