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Dear Simon

I write in response to your question asked on behalf of constituents during the most recent session of Parliament in relation to the new Tamar River Bridge.

Specifically, you asked:

"Thousands of Tasmanians who live in Legana, and the surrounds, travel each day into the Central Business District for work. A resident recently wrote to me asking whether the new Tamar River Bridge will be built. He said it would impact him very positively. Many residents have raised their strong support for this project. I believe it will improve travel time dramatically for those who commute. Is the government still committed to this project and what are you doing to progress this project?"

In response to your question I am pleased to advise that the Tasmanian Government has committed \$80 million towards the construction of a second Tamar River crossing connecting with the West Tamar Highway in the Riverside area with the East Tamar Highway north of Mayne Street.

The Government has developed a business case for the second Tamar River Crossing. The business case assesses five options for the proposed bridge, including concept designs and a cost benefit analysis for each option.

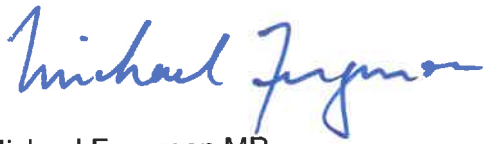
The business case was submitted to Infrastructure Australia in early 2024 and shared with the Federal Minister in time for the Australian Government's Budget deliberations. The Federal Budget disappointingly did not make a funding commitment to this important project, and we will continue to lobby for funding from the Australian Government, which is required for the overall funding needed for a project of this size.

In the meantime, the department is preparing to commence initial targeted consultation with key stakeholders, including the two relevant Councils, this month (June 2024). The targeted consultation will then be followed by a broader public consultation, which is expected to start in August 2024.

Feedback received from these consultations will be used to help inform the next stage of planning and design for the project.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Ferguson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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