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Dear Ms Haddad

You recently requested information from me as Minister for Infrastructure on behalf of a constituent Phil, from Flowerdale as follows:

"How did competent road builders and a competent government allow the Baulds Road to Tollymore Road Bass Highway upgrade to be opened, given there are still significant safety issues with this segment of the road?"

In response to Phil's question, I can advise the following.

The roadworks on the Bass Highway at Tollymore Road achieved practical completion on 6 May 2024 and is now open to motorists.

The road upgrade has significantly improved the safety of this section of road, straightening out several curves, widening the road, installing safety barriers, and providing safer accesses and intersections.

Practical completion reflects 'the majority' of works being complete under the contract. However, as is sometimes the case, there are defects that will be rectified by the construction contractor over the coming months at their expense.

Every road construction project has a Defect Liability Period in the contract, during which defects and issues are highlighted, addressed and resolved.

The Department of State Growth's Project Team is currently working through a list of outstanding works and defects, the majority of which are scheduled to be completed by 30 June 2024.

The Department of State Growth will address any future issues highlighted during the Defects Liability period and ensure that they are addressed with the contractor.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP
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