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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 improvements to the West Tamar Highway. You asked:

"Residents of Legana who drive on the West Tamar Highway every day are interested to know when the current road works to increase the highway from two lanes to four through Legana will be completed. Will this be complete in time for the opening of the new Legana school and are there any plans to do further road works north of the West Tamar Highway through Exeter?"

I am pleased to provide the following information in response to your questions.

The duplication of West Tamar Highway between Acropolis Drive and Freshwater Point Road commenced in March 2024 and is expected to be completed in late 2025.

Construction works in the vicinity of the new Legana Primary School are being prioritised and safe access to the school will be maintained throughout the construction period. Officers from the Department of State Growth and the Department of Education, Children and Young People meet monthly to discuss the progress of the highway duplication and the new Legana Primary School projects.

A number of other future upgrade options are being investigated on the West Tamar Highway from Trevallyn to Riverside. These include:

- duplication of the 700 metre-long single lane section of the West Tamar Highway to dual lanes between 101 West Tamar Highway and the intersection of Forest Road (northern intersection) / West Tamar Highway locally known as Barnes Hill;
- improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities at the Ecclestone Road / West Tamar Highway intersection;
- improvements to turning facilities and line-marking at the Riverview Road / West Tamar Highway intersection;
- improvements to the Forest Road/ West Tamar Highway intersections to improve sight distance; and
- improvements for shared path between Tailrace Park and Windsor Park.

Further information about the project can be found on the Department of State Growth website: <a href="https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadworks/current">https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadworks/current</a> projects/northern road projects/west tamar highway - trevallyn to riverside upgrades

I hope this information is useful for you.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Premier** 

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