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Dear Ms Haddad

You recently requested information from me as Minister for Infrastructure on behalf of a constituent Mervyn from Tolmans Hill in relation to noise mitigation on the Southern Outlet transit lane project, as follows:

*"Can you confirm you have authorised noise protection measures for the project in accordance with state noise policies and your stated commitments to the Public Works Committee and have these designs been completed? Can you confirm that low-noise asphalt will be used, and wall panels will form part of the design and advise the estimated costs?"*

In response to Mervyn's question I can advise that the Department of State Growth is finalising the design of Southern Outlet transit lane. As part of the design, noise monitoring and modelling were conducted.

The department is now considering the need (or otherwise) for noise mitigation measures which are being informed by the result of the noise modelling, and guided by the Tasmanian State Road Traffic Noise Management Guidelines 2015.

Traffic noise mitigation options under the Guidelines include, but are not limited to:

- appropriate road design to avoid or reduce traffic noise;
- quieter road seal selection;
- noise mounds;
- noise barriers/walls; and
- architectural treatment of houses.

The department is currently considering these mitigation options. These options are being assessed by the test of reasonableness, practicality and cost-effectiveness.

Any decisions taken will be communicated to local stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Ferguson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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