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The Hon Jacqui Petrusma MP  
Liberal Member for Franklin

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Dear Mrs Petrusma

Thank you for your question asked of me as Minister for Infrastructure on 8 August 2024 in Parliament, in relation to the South Arm Highway upgrades as follows:

*"The South Arm Highway services one of the fastest growing residential communities in Tasmania, including Oak Downs, Fleet Hill and Lauderdale, as well as communities in the South Arm Peninsula. The State and Commonwealth governments have now committed \$55 million to the duplication of sections of the South Arm Highway. Can you please update the House on the next steps in this much needed road infrastructure project, including community consultations?"*

The South Arm Highway upgrades are an important part of the Tasmanian Liberal Government's road infrastructure program. The Government is committed to improving traffic congestion, travel time reliability and road safety for eastern shore communities accessing Hobart's CBD.

This \$55 million package of works will be completed in stages. These projects include:

- upgrading the South Arm Highway from two to four lanes from Pass Road (Rokeby) to Acton Road (Lauderdale);
- building a new four-lane road south-west of South Arm Road, between Bayview Secondary College and Horsham Road;
- duplicating the South Arm Highway from two to four lanes from Oakdowns Parade to Acton Road, Lauderdale; and
- upgrading the intersection at South Arm Highway and Acton Road, near Lauderdale Primary School.

The early stage works are expected to be the Pass road to Bayview Secondary College section and the intersection of the Highway and Acton Road.

Concept designs for these projects were completed in August 2024 with public comment to be sought in October. In parallel, detailed design will commence in September.

The Department of State Growth is separately seeking approval under the federal Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act for works due to the identification of habitat for the endangered swift parrot.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Ferguson', written over the printed name.

Michael Ferguson MP  
**Deputy Premier**  
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