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The Secretary
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It is of great concern that the Midland Highway upgrade including St Peters Pass curtilage; being these wonderfully scenic avenues of deciduous trees, appear to be mostly likely lost to Tasmanian's and over 1.2 million tourists forever in its current beauty. All the North bound flowering Hawthorn Hedges, including the remaining example of the WWI Memorial Avenue Trees are to be lost.

I strongly urge the Public Works Committee to instruct the design engineers to carefully reassess ways of tweaking their design to incorporate the retention of the current 2 way single lanes into a recommended best plan for this singularly special highlight of the Heritage Highway.

The St Peters Pass Heritage enclave commencing Southward at the rest station including the Topiary hedging and completing at the classic gateway close to where the current dual lane commences south should be retained on its current alignment.

This section of Heritage Highway works quite safely and the additional metre of road width for the provision of the wire safety barrier between the existing single way lanes could be achieved by shared widening of the verges.

Sticking to the current highway alignment; saves the expensive need of creating new access for the rest station; new access entries to current properties and the substantial cost of creating the proposed bypass west of St Peters Pass.

To retain this all year around picturesque 1.6km as a single lane each way with a dividing fence similar too other sections of our new highway, seem a worthwhile approach to retaining yet another threatened jewel of Tasmania.

Thank you for your interest.

Regards



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