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Ms Cecily Rosol MP
Member for Bass

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Dear Ms Rosol

In Parliament in late 2024 you asked a constituent question of me as Minister for Infrastructure as follows:

“Lilydale residents have contacted me about an unsafe section of footpath in their village.

The Lilydale District School and its school farm are separated by a few hundred metres of road which is uncurbed and has no footpath, meaning that access to the farm from the school by students is unsafe and has required expensive bus hire to take classes to the farm. Residents have raised this situation on multiple occasions over several years.

The Lilydale District Progress Association has asked the City of Launceston and the Department for Education, Children and Young People to build a path from the school to the farm.

To date, community voices have been ignored and Lilydale residents have been left wondering when they will be listened to. Can the Minister advise on any progress towards the construction of a path, or if there has been no progress, whether this will be addressed?”

I apologise for the delay in responding to your question. The road in question – between the school and the farm – is not a State Road.

However I am pleased to advise that under the Liberal’s Strong Plan for Lilydale, released ahead of the 2024 Tasmanian election, we made a commitment to instruct the Department for Education Children and Young People to undertake a risk analysis, and to engage with Launceston City Council should infrastructure improvements be recommended.

Separately under the same policy, the Government committed to provide \$150,000 contribution to the Launceston City Council for construction of a pedestrian and cycle path between the Lilydale township and Lilydale Falls. The Government recognises that this is also a council road and would require public consultation on detailed design and planning.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure