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Rob Fairs MP
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Dear Mr Fairs

In the House on 9 September 2025, you asked the following question on behalf of a constituent:

Honourable Speaker, my question is from Chris of Legana. The West Tamar Highway upgrades are impacting businesses in the area. For example, Roam Coffee at Legana in the West Tamar Highway are having to consider reducing the number of staff or even closing their doors. Roam Coffee is a small, locally owned business which employs young members of the Legana community. The proprietors have expressed concerns about the lack of engagement with local business and the lack of known timelines for completion. Minister, can you please provide an updated timeline for the project?

I have been made aware the contractor has had responsibility for engagement and been in communication with the business operators in and around Fulton Street for the duration of works. As is often the case, businesses and private properties can be impacted during roadworks, and in this instance it is noted three businesses around Fulton Street are particularly affected. Every attempt is made to reduce impacts through our important works.

While mitigations have been put in place, including altering the construction methodology, temporary works and temporary parking, I appreciate the communication around this has clearly not met the expectations of the businesses involved.

To that end, I have asked the Department of State Growth to ensure communication with the affected businesses is of a high standard and thank you for raising the matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

cc Craig Limkin, Secretary – Department of State Growth