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Dear Mrs Petrusma

In Parliament on 1 August 2024, you asked the following question on behalf of your constituents in the electorate of Franklin:

*I understand that the next stage of the Macquarie and Davey Streets bus improvements project has commenced, with an extra lane to be constructed at the bottleneck between these streets at the bottom of the Southern Outlet. This is an important project to provide for safer and more reliable transport options between Hobart CBD and the growing southern populations of Kingborough and the Huon Valley.*

*On behalf of my constituents in Franklin, can you please provide an update on what is being done to minimise the impact of these important road works on peak time commuters, and when will the next stage of works be complete?*

I am pleased to advise that the Department of State Growth has arranged for a project methodology that minimises the impact of commuters, especially weekday traffic peaks

From Monday, 12 August, works will occur behind safety barriers during the day between 7am and 5pm on weekdays and there will be no lane closures or speed limit reductions during these hours.

At night, there will be intermittent lane closures of the existing Southern Outlet bus lane and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h during the 6:30 pm to 6:30 am working hours across Sunday evenings to Friday mornings.

The Department has issued a media release to advise of the changed traffic conditions and electronic signage is in place at the project site. This first stage of work will take six to eight weeks to complete. This will involve earthworks, tree removal, relocation of services as well as kerb and gutter installation along a 300m section of the Outlet towards Davey Street.

The Department advises drivers to allow up to 10 minutes extra travel time during the night works and follow the directions of traffic controllers and signs.

The entire project, including constructing the extra lane between Davey and Macquarie streets, will take about eight months to complete and the public will be updated on future traffic changes as work progresses.

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 in a cursive style.

Michael Ferguson MP  
**Deputy Premier**  
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