

**Addendum to the submission to the Parliamentary Works Committee hearing in regard to the Southern Outlet Road project.**

I refer to the previous meeting of the Parliamentary Works Committee and my submission in regard to this project.

My concerns are that the substantial capital works required to provide for noise attenuation to meet the standards adopted by the Tasmanian Government in 2013, have yet to be addressed both in the design phase, and in the accurate costings, presented to the committee.

It is of no value for the Minister to appear before the committee to urge them to approve a project in the name of the Parliament, and thus the citizens of Tasmania, if that project is incomplete in regard to its costings and design.

I am given to understand, that the noise attenuation structural panels and other measures will cost in the order of \$6.5 million, a sum that represents close to 20% of the original estimated cost of the project of \$30.42 million.

Thus, it is no use the Minister saying that the project should proceed without these costings and designs, as to do so, would not meet the requirements of Parliamentary approval under the Public Works Act. There will be no public consultation.

The Parliamentary Works Committee is the final arbiter of approval or not for public works in Tasmania, not the Minister.

For the government (via the Minister), is not to provide a further \$6.5 million for the project and detail the design work that is underway for noise attenuation, is therefore knowingly asking the committee to approve a project, (in the full knowledge that of its approved by Parliament with a funding limit of \$30.42 million), that

the project ultimately is unachievable for this approved capital expenditure amount.

However, if the Minister is prepared to provide an undertaking to the committee in writing, that the government will provide a minimum of \$6.5 million in additional funds with this project to be entirely spent on noise attenuation, and after evaluation, if further funds need to be spent on replacing the hot mix roadbed with a low noise road paving these funds will also be provided.

Providing project details to the Parliamentary Works Committee that are incomplete, partial, and do not provide for public disclosure of the whole of the project, appears to be somewhat lackadaisical and incompetent administration.

I would have expected that a complete project would be presented to the committee for assessment as is the normal case.

I look forward to the committee's consideration of my addendum.,

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