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Dear Ms Butler

In Parliament on 8 May, you asked the following question on behalf of a constituent:

*My question is from John from Longford. Can the Minister confirm whether all or any alterations to Tannery Road South in Longford, resulting from the permits granted by State Growth to Lowe's BP, will be a charge against the Tasmanian taxpayer.*

Thank you for the question.

In response I can advise the Department of State Growth was not responsible for the approval of the development.

This development was originally rejected by the Council against its own Council officers' advice but subsequently received approval following an appeal by the developer to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, ultimately with the Council's consent.

The Department's role has been to approve works permits for works undertaken on State-owned roadways to ensure their safety.

In this case, the Department accepted the original traffic impact assessment submitted as part of the development application. The Council, however, rejected the DA in its entirety against its own officers' advice and chose not to impose any conditions.

The Department has engaged a consultant to undertake planning work on road-widening at this location and community consultation will occur as part of this work.

The responsibility for constructions costs are yet to be determined.

I trust this information will be of assistance to your constituent.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
**Minister for Infrastructure**