

The following has been released in relation to a request for information relating to the Tasman Highway and Wielangta Road.

**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 June 2021 11:12 AM  
**To:** s 36; info.stategrowth  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta road

Dear s 36

Thank you for your email.

The Great Eastern Drive has been upgraded in stages since 2018 with funding continuing for the next 4-5 years. As part of the continuing \$35 million funding, the Department has invested in three passing lanes on the Tasman Highway over the last two years along with widening and safety treatments at entries to popular tourism experiences.

The Bass Highway is a key facilitator of Tasmania's economic growth, carrying the highest freight tonnages of any section of Tasmania's land transport network, at an estimated value of over \$3.8 billion in 2008/09. The Highway connects Tasmania's two highest volume sea ports, major agricultural, processing and industrial areas, and is a key inter-regional link for freight and passengers. Reflecting the strategic function of the Highway, the Tasmanian Government's objective in planning and managing this Freight Corridor is to provide an efficient and safe road network that supports improved productivity and efficiency between, the northern export ports, freight generating areas and distribution centres.

While Wielangta Road has significance to Parks and Wildlife Service for access to Wielangta Forest, and Glamorgan-Spring Bay and Sorell Councils for local access, it is not a State road. Any further suggestions should be directed to Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council.

Regards,

s 36

**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 4:08 PM  
**To:** info.stategrowth <info@stategrowth.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Wielangta road

Perhaps State Growth should look at spending money upgrading the "missing link" in the Great Eastern Drive instead of pouring money into goldplating roads in Bass and Braddon. Wielangta Road is dangerous at present but could be upgraded to allow tourists to travel from the East Coast to the Tasman Peninsula directly. It would complete the ultimate tourist drive in the state.

Also consider putting in passing lanes on the Tasman Highway or at least pull in bays to allow slow moving vehicles to get off the road and let other motorists travel unimpeded. It is a necessary safety measure.

Regards

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# Notes and Actions – State Roads Emergency Response Group

**Event:** Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy  
**Date:** 31 May 2021  
**Large Room 4.23, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by:** s 36  
**CM:** D21/124575  
**Attendees:** see Appendix A

**Time:** 11:00 am

**Scope:** These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points. Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

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	<p>Engagement on photographing filming activity. – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Complete audits on any TMP's. – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Stornoway – Progress scope of what will be required to contain slippage area on Wielangta Road. Ongoing</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Provide s 36 with a list of where VMB's are deployed. - Ongoing</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary - ongoing</li> <li>• There has been some limited external briefings (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC) - Ongoing</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>Weather conditions at this location – As of this this morning – weather forecast for week indicates night time frost. Remainder of the week appears to be slightly warmer with a chance of rain on Wednesday and Thursday.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Find out temperature low of Orford weather station last night.</p> <p>P&amp;S –</p> <p>Site all clear to commence work at 0830, last placement of gravel to be completed by this afternoon. Spidertech will go up this afternoon to start clearance of vegetation and to make are safe. P&amp;S completing review of Geo Tech Review.</p> <p>Weather permitting anticipate Spidertech to completed area clearance by Wednesday.</p> <p>Currently looking at removal of steel cable, and first rock to come down Thursday. One of five or six rocks to come down. One or two smaller ones may come down in other areas, subject to risk assessment.</p> <p>Maintenance Service –</p> <p>Road Assets – N/A</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – N/A</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement – Third version of FAQ's going through approval. Update to social media, media enquiry about Wielangta Road. In RM indicating superseded do not use. Some confusion with maps and 4wd access.</p>

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	<p>Update on Wednesday and Thursday when rock comes down.</p> <p>Check that councils on list to receive FAQ's including Northern Midlands.</p> <p>Support Services – As of this morning one call and three emails.</p> <p>Action – For All – Ensure that all related correspondence/reports to do with this activity are filed in the appropriate sub file of container 090071 Transport Infrastructure – Asset Management – Maintenance – Tasman Highway Paradise Gorge May 2021.</p>
3	<p>State Roads Situation Updates/Priorities</p> <p>3.1 Current status of infrastructure and services including any known impacts/damage/closures/concerns as per Appendix B</p>
	<p>3.2 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Services – Stornoway couple of tight corners on Wielangta Road have had speed limits reduced, some minor work to be completed on corners. All gravel in place by end of today for commencement of rock fall. Stornoway on track for repairs. VMB's in place for ice, some rewording to be done. Some vigilance on ice protection where forecast due to early buses. Action – <b>s 36</b> – Escalate request for police support on Wielangta Road to ensure good driver behaviour. Completed</li> <li>• Road Assets/Alternate Routes – N/A</li> <li>• Bridges – N/A</li> <li>• Network Management – Temporary traffic counters on Wielangta and Lake Leake.</li> <li>• Projects – N/A</li> <li>• Environment – N/A</li> </ul>
	<p>3.3 Emerging issues:</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Availability and procurement of resources</p> <p>Alternate local route</p>
	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p>
	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>Emailed WHS audit arranged for this Thursday, auditor keeping touch with</p>

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	<p>Stornoway.</p> <p>Catch up with Stakeholder Engagement, to assist with validation of footage.</p>
4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>Mineral Resources Tasmania s 36 –</p> <p>Just gathering data.</p> <p>Freight Industry s 36 –</p> <p>Additional info rolling in, checking in with Operators that have travelled Wielangta.</p> <p>Passenger Transport s 36 –</p> <p>Not been able to check in with school bus operators at this point.</p> <p>Year 11 and 12 exams week - 18 June through 25 June.</p> <p>Business s 36 –</p> <p>16 Businesses have indicated an impact of loss of revenue around 350k</p> <p>Tourism s 36 –</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Events s 36 –</p> <p>Road Safety Inspector Officers s 36 –</p>
	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues</p> <p>Broader stakeholder engagement has proceeded.</p>
5	<p>External Matters - REMCs/SEMC</p> <p>Glamorgan Spring Bay Council</p> <p>Sorell Council</p> <p>Taswater</p> <p>MAST</p> <p>Tas Fire Service.</p> <p>Land Owner</p> <p>Ambulance Tasmania</p> <p>Health set up Heli Pad at health centre.</p> <p>STT</p> <p>Info to SREMC and NREMC</p>

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	<p>Comms are extensive and have gone out to all key stakeholders.          Department of Education.          Department of Defence – Explosive Ordnance.          Possibility of mobile coverage is not viable. Action – <b>s 36</b> – Determine level of mobile coverage on Wielangta Road. Completed</p>
6	<p>Task List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Escalate request for police support on Wielangta Road to ensure good driver behaviour. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Determine level of mobile coverage on Wielangta Road. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Find out temperature low of Orford weather station last night. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – All – Ensure that all related correspondence/reports to do with this activity are filed in the appropriate sub file of container 90071 Transport Infrastructure – Asset Management – Maintenance – Tasman Highway Paradise Gorge May 2021. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – to provide information about air horn to stakeholder engagement. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Follow up with Stornoway on mitigating public access to Convict Road. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Screen available footage of worksite to ensure suitable for Stakeholder Engagement to validate. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Validate footage available of progress on worksite for us to release on our site. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Update FAQ's as necessary. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Follow up with ADF to see if they have any information relating to explosives being deployed in region during war time activities. Waiting on response from ADF. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Follow up with Glamorgan Spring Bay Council to see if they have any information relating to explosives being deployed in region during war time activities. Waiting on response from Glamorgan Spring Bay. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Frequent updates on social media platforms. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry Comms Team - Liaise with State Roads Stakeholder Engagement on photographing filming activity. – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Complete audits on any TMP's. – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Stornoway – Progress scope of what will be required to contain</li> </ul>

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s 36 – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route. Completed

Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting for s 36 with s 36 from Pitt & Sherry on Geo tech review. Completed

Action – s 36 – Arrange for a meeting with MRT. Completed

Pitt and Sherry – Assign a PM – s 36 – Completed

Pitt and Sherry – Develop more detailed plan for an update today – Completed.

Pitt and Sherry – Action – Source monitoring equipment. Completed

Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop scope of works. Completed.

Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop plan for event to occur. Ongoing

Pitt & Sherry – Action – Allocate stakeholder engagement resource for community consultation. Completed.

Action – Pitt & Sherry - Time-lapse camera will be installed before weekend. Completed

s 36 – Advise Stornoway of information relating to weather triggers. Completed

s 36 – Action – Procure portable weather station. No longer required.

s 36 – Action – TMP – Stornoway. Completed

s 36 – Action – Alternate routes timings and timings from Stornoway Ongoing – Information has been provided by network access. No longer required.

s 36 – Action – Contract requirements, options. Completed

s 36 – Action – Identify viable alternate routing and how many VMBs will be required. Ongoing. Completed.

s 36 – Action – Assess Wielangta Road to determine what is required to make trafficable. Completed.

s 36 Action – contact aboriginal heritage to see if any sensitive sites are in area. Completed.

s 36 – Action – Continue progressing SCEP. Completed

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	<p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contact BoM for short to long term forecast and ongoing weather reports. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contact MRT to get advice. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action Contact MAST for advice and how to prevent access to waterway in event road is closed. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contact Passenger Transport. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform SREMC of event. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and Sorell Councils of situation and access requirements for Wielangta Road. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Liaise with Taswater. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform Tas Fire, Ambulance and Health of decision to close road. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Share SCEP with relevant stakeholders. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Corporate Comms to be contacted. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Commence communications of event and road closure. Completed.</p> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Release FAQ's. Completed.</p> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – External audit to be conducted for WHS on works. Completed – Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Arrange a separate meeting with HV Access team and <b>s 36</b> [redacted] to discuss access on Wielangta Road. Completed.</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary – ongoing.</li> <li>• Some Limited external briefings have occurred (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC) – ongoing.</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed – ongoing.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Decisions:</p> <p>Tasman Highway to have intermittent closures of up to 8 minutes at a time on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 May to allow preparatory works to commence and will be managed by Stornoway/Spidertech to manage risk of minor rockfall while climbers are accessing the site</p> <p>Tasman Highway to be completely closed from Friday night 28 May at 12am.</p>



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	<p>Internal/key stakeholder communications regarding the works and road closure will commence as soon as signed off today.</p> <p>External/public communications will commence after internal/key stakeholder communications have been conducted.</p> <p>Commencement of initial work to install digital monitoring equipment on the rockface will not commence until Saturday 29 May.</p> <p>Minister conducted a press conference on Wednesday 26 May to broadcast the event and why a road closure is necessary.</p>
7	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>Consolidated agency update to be developed for whole of agency or whole of government on all issues identified.</p> <p>Data will be available for Lake Leake Road and Wielangta Road, during road closure, for traffic counts.</p>
8	<p>8.1 Lead personnel for next period:</p>

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 May 2021 1:13 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: Wielangta Landslip

Hi s 36 as discussed below is s 36 assessment of the Wielangta Landslip and recommended barrier risk management treatment.

Happy to discuss

Regards

s 36

**pitt&sherry**

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Connect on LinkedIn

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Subject:** Weilangta landslip

Hi s 36

I inspected the landslide this afternoon; and make the following comments:

The landslide probably occurred as a result of scour or saturation of the fill during heavy rain. The landslide is immediately downslope and across the road from a large culvert inlet (1500mm?). The culvert has an angle change about halfway across the road and has no light showing from the outlet. The outlet could not be located and is presumed buried in the landslide debris. The inlet is only about one third open.

The landslide has mainly moved loose fill from the embankment leaving the main road construction materials in place. There are no cracks behind the main scarp, but cracking extends laterally for several metres either side of the area that has failed.

It is assessed that fixing this slide is a substantial project that would not be easy with the current increased loads on Weilangta Road.

It is suggested that a barrier is placed along the current line of bollards such that a vehicle losing control in the area would have a lower chance of falling into the landslide area. The barrier should curve in at the ends to reduce the chance of an impact at the end of the line of barriers.

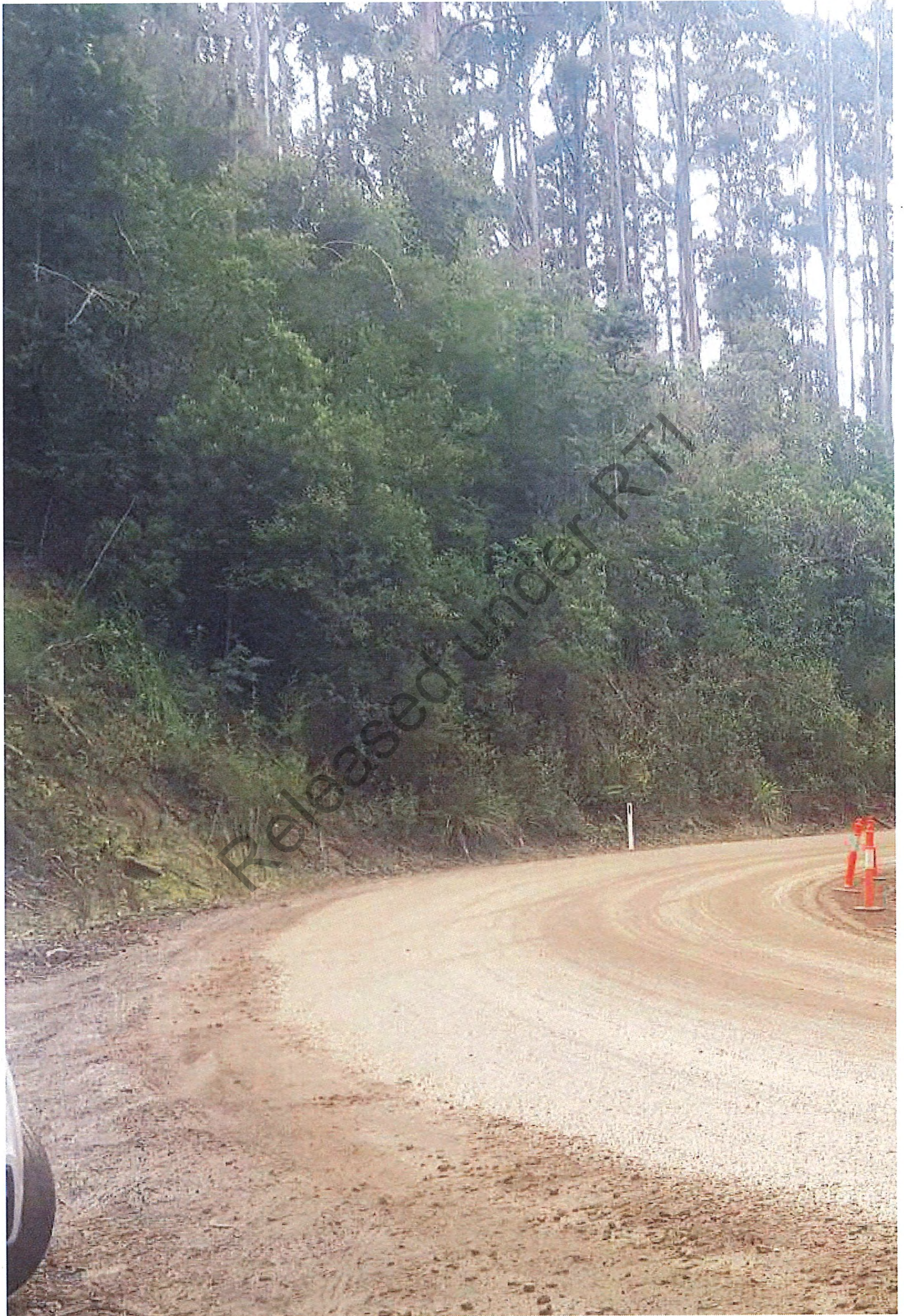
Placing the barriers along the current line of bollards would put the barriers approximately 1m from the landslide scarp and leave approximately 6.5m width of trafficable road.

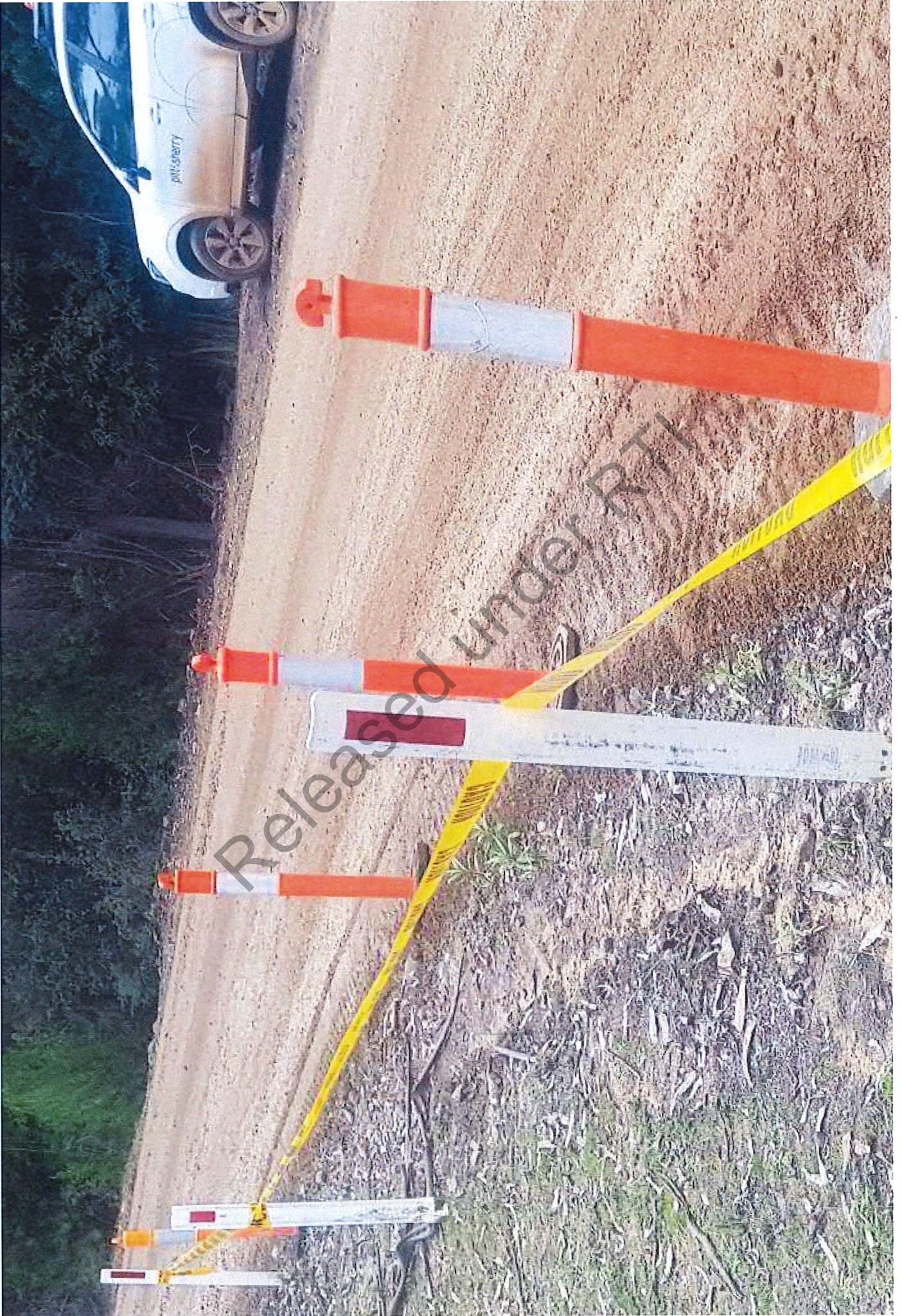
Water filled barriers, Jersey barriers or w- beam would be suitable.

Cheers, s 36

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**CM: D21/123536**  
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2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>Weather conditions at this location – As of this this afternoon – weather forecast for week indicates areas of frost Monday morning. Remainder of the week appears to be slightly warmer however there may still be a chance of frost Tuesday morning.</p> <p>P&amp;S –</p> <p>Work commenced at 1030 following data check, live web portal reporting on tilt monitors, Veris have air horn in case of movement detection. Spidertech to commence tomorrow afternoon, shipping container of gear expected to be taken up slope tomorrow, continuing on Tuesday and earmarked for completion Wednesday.</p> <p>Action – s 36 [redacted] – to provide information about air horn to stakeholder engagement.</p> <p>Action – s 36 [redacted] – Follow up with Stornoway on mitigating public access to Convict Road.</p> <p>Maintenance Service – Concrete barriers down and gravel has commenced being put down. Delays have created some minor issues believe to be on track tomorrow.</p> <p>Locals appear to be happy with the way work is progressing.</p> <p>Few hours work tomorrow, expected to be completed by tomorrow afternoon.</p> <p>Lake Leake Road – no reports of issues. Have attempted to make comms but have had no luck.</p> <p>Road Assets – N/A</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – No extra issues</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement</p> <p>Has been a quiet day, 1300 comments across two posts that have been posted, 3 or 4 posts today, expectations of ramping up over the weeks as more information becomes available to them. Most comments focussing on Wielangta Road, on other platforms a bit more mixed, polls on a platform indicate that 60% are in favour of closure remaining 40% understanding the closure but would have liked more notice.</p> <p>FAQ list to be looked at, should be ready to go up and be sent out.</p> <p>Support Services – no calls or emails today.</p>
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	<p>3.2 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance Services –</li> </ul> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Screen available footage of worksite to ensure suitable for Stakeholder Engagement to validate.</p> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Follow up with Tas Pol to see what resources they could provide to encourage good driver behaviour.</p> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> – Direct Stornoway to clear wildlife road kills on Wielangta Rd regularly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Assets/Alternate Routes – N/A</li> <li>Bridges – N/A</li> <li>Network Management – N/A</li> <li>Projects – N/A</li> <li>Environment – N/A</li> </ul>
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4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>Mineral Resources Tasmania <b>s 36</b> –</p> <p>Freight Industry <b>s 36</b> –</p> <p>Passenger Transport <b>s 36</b> – Nothing to report, signage around bus stops and operators have been pushing information out on social media platforms.</p>

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	<p>Bus services to Buckland will continue. One service out of Orford will connect to a shuttle at Bicheno. Normal service from Swansea will not be operating which may create some issues. Boarding bus service to operate tonight, message has indicated that the service will be late tonight due to route via Lake Leake Road.</p> <p>20 to Rosny College</p> <p>15 to Sorell.</p> <p>Business <b>s 36</b> – Nothing to report at this point.</p> <p>Tourism <b>s 36</b> – Nothing new to report. Something to look at for the reimbursement conversation. Live Form up and running to allow Business to provide issues on the road closure. Buckland Tavern indicating 5<sup>th</sup> of earnings due to closure.</p> <p>Events <b>s 36</b> – N/A</p> <p>Mostly passenger vehicles, 21 seater bus, group of cyclists which has created some issues. Talking to every driver that has come through, multiple loads of gravel going back and forth from quarry. Locals and other members of public positive response. Lot of tourists in rental cars heading through. GPS pushing traffic towards Wielangta, up to 60 per hour, some minor issues of driver behaviour on road.</p> <p>No presence of Tas Pol, resourcing issues with for maintaining a safe road environment. Locals may be getting fed up with being stopped at start of trip.</p> <p>Presence of Tas Pol Friday night at Buckland, understanding that Tas Pol would be patrolling but no indications they have at this point.</p>
	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group: N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues Broader stakeholder engagement has proceeded.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>External Matters - REMCs/SEMC</p> <p>Glamorgan Spring Bay Council</p> <p>Sorell Council</p> <p>Taswater</p> <p>MAST</p> <p>Tas Fire Service.</p> <p>Land Owner</p> <p>Ambulance Tasmania</p> <p>Health set up Heli Pad at health centre.</p> <p>STT</p> <p>Info to SREMC and NREMC</p>

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	<p>Comms are extensive and have gone out to all key stakeholders.          Department of Education.          Department of Defence – Explosive Ordnance.          Possibility of mobile coverage is not viable.</p>
6	<p>Task List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action – s 36 – to provide information about air horn to stakeholder engagement. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Screen available footage of worksite to ensure suitable for Stakeholder Engagement to validate. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Validate footage available of progress on worksite for us to release on our site. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Follow up with Stornoway on mitigating public access to Convict Road.</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Follow up with Tas Pol to see what resources they could provide to encourage good driver behaviour.</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Direct Stornoway to clear wildlife road kills on Wielangta Rd regularly.</li> <li>Action – s 36 – to contact s 36 to have the GPS coordinates recorded. Waiting on SES to confirmation of completion. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Update FAQ's as necessary. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Follow up with ADF to see if they have any information relating to explosives being deployed in region during war time activities. Waiting on response from ADF. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Follow up with Glamorgan Spring Bay Council to see if they have any information relating to explosives being deployed in region during war time activities. Waiting on response from Glamorgan Spring Bay. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 - Frequent updates on social media platforms. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry Comms Team - Liaise with State Roads Stakeholder Engagement on photographing filming activity. – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Complete audits on any TMP's. – Ongoing</li> <li>Action – Stornoway – Progress scope of what will be required to contain slippage area on Wielangta Road. Ongoing</li> <li>Action – s 36 – Provide s 36 with a list of where VMB's are deployed. – Ongoing</li> <li>s 36 – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for</li> </ul>

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	<p>sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route. Completed</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting for s 36 with s 36 from Pitt &amp; Sherry on Geo tech review. Completed</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange for a meeting with MRT. Completed</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Assign a PM – s 36 Completed</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Develop more detailed plan for an update today – Completed.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Source monitoring equipment. Completed</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop scope of works. Completed.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop plan for event to occur. Ongoing</p> <p>Pitt &amp; Sherry – Action – Allocate stakeholder engagement resource for community consultation. Completed.</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Time-lapse camera will be installed before weekend. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Advise Stornoway of information relating to weather triggers. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Procure portable weather station. No longer required.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – TMP – Stornoway. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Alternate routes timings and timings from Stornoway Ongoing – Information has been provided by network access. No longer required.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Contract requirements, options. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Identify viable alternate routing and how many VMBs will be required. Ongoing. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Assess Wielangta Road to determine what is required to make trafficable. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – contact aboriginal heritage to see if any sensitive sites are in area. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Continue progressing SCEP. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Contact BoM for short to long term forecast and ongoing weather reports. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Contact MRT to get advice. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action Contact MAST for advice and how to prevent access to waterway in event road is closed. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Contact Passenger Transport. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Inform SREMC of event. Completed.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Inform Glamorgan Spring Bay Council</p>
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	<p>and Sorell Councils of situation and access requirements for Wielangta Road. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Liaise with Taswater. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform Tas Fire, Ambulance and Health of decision to close road. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Share SCEP with relevant stakeholders. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Corporate Comms to be contacted. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Commence communications of event and road closure. Completed.</p> <p>Action <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Release FAQ's. Completed.</p> <p>Action <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – External audit to be conducted for WHS on works. Completed – Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p>Action <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Arrange a separate meeting with HV Access team and <b>s 36</b> [redacted] to discuss access on Wielangta Road. Completed.</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary – ongoing.</li> <li>• Some Limited external briefings have occurred (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC) – ongoing.</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed – ongoing.</li> </ul>
6	<p>Decisions:</p> <p>Tasman Highway to have intermittent closures of up to 8 minutes at a time on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 May to allow preparatory works to commence and will be managed by Stornoway/Spidertech to manage risk of minor rockfall while climbers are accessing the site</p> <p>Tasman Highway to be completely closed from Friday night 28 May at 12am.</p> <p>Internal/key stakeholder communications regarding the works and road closure will commence as soon as signed off today.</p> <p>External/public communications will commence after internal/key stakeholder communications have been conducted.</p> <p>Commencement of initial work to install digital monitoring equipment on the rockface will not commence until Saturday 29 May.</p> <p>Minister conducted a press conference on Wednesday 26 May to broadcast the event and why a road closure is necessary.</p>
7	<p>Other Business:</p> <p>Consolidated agency update to be developed for whole of agency or whole of</p>



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	government on all issues identified. Data will be available for Lake Leake Road and Wielangta Road, during road closure, for traffic counts.
8	8.1 Lead personnel for next period:

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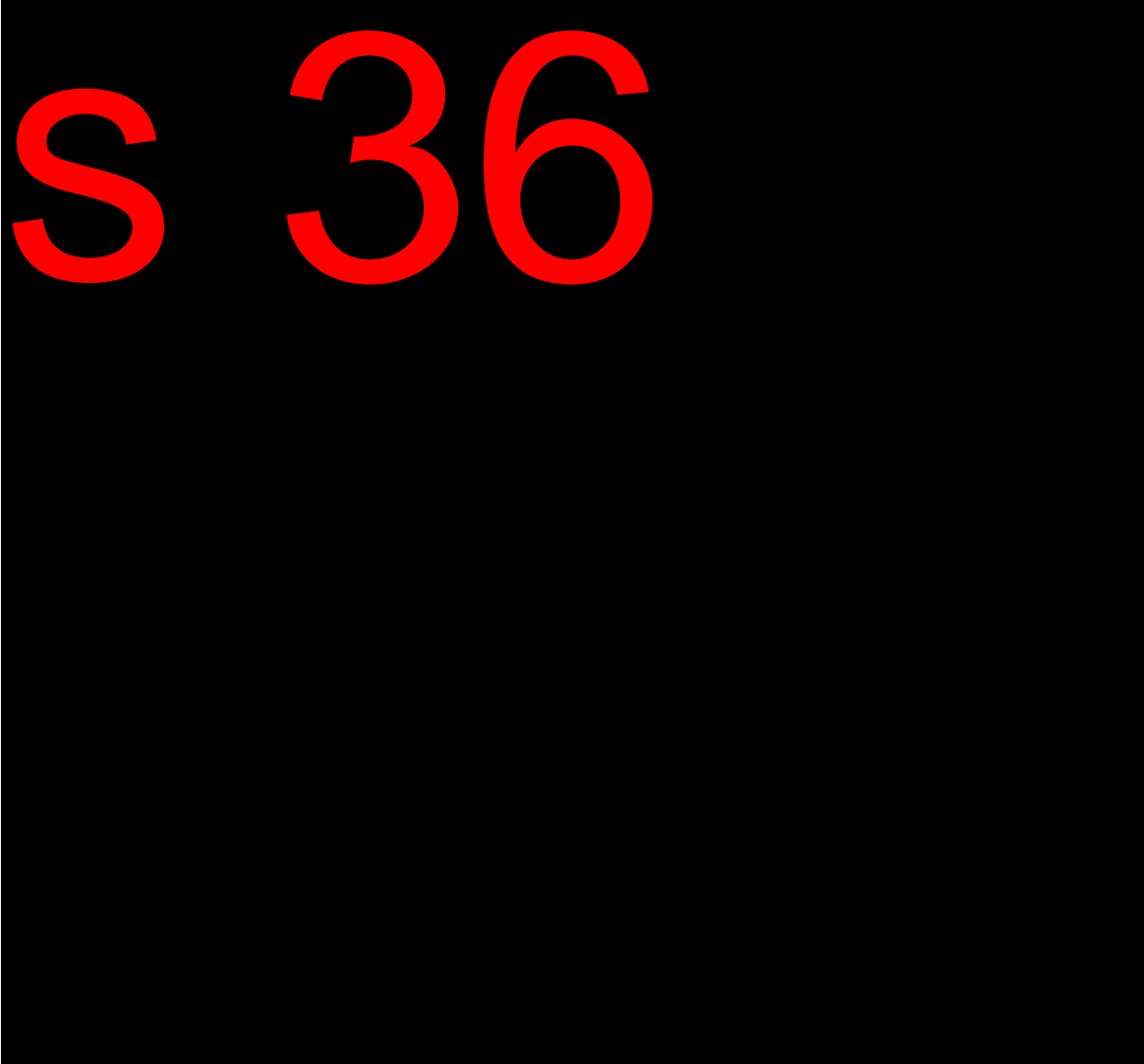
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## Appendix A

### Attendees:

This list shows Emergency Response Group (ERG) members who attended this meeting. Attendance may change based on the nature of the event. The role of Chair may be delegated.



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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 5:05 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Tasman Highway road closure and Wielangta Road alternative route.

For your information.

Regarding the Tasman Highway road closure and subsequent public use of Wielangta Road as an alternative for east coast travellers to access Hobart or the coast. The Wielangta Road is a dirt road of varying conditions. Communications along the road via mobile phone are effectively not available for most of its length.

Last week it was determined that roadside distance markers would be beneficial along Wielangta Road to aid dispatch services in particular (TASPOL, TFS, AT) to assess location of any incidents through request for caller to access the appropriate roadside number. They of course would need to travel to a reception location.

Department of State Growth have kindly supported this request by arranging the installation of "Kilometre" markers (see attached photos for clarity).

The start point for estimating distances, i.e. zero location, is the junction of Kellevie Road and Arthur Highway just prior to Copping (UTM 55 G0564684E 5259186N).

On Wielangta road the first obvious marker is "6 kilometre" just prior to the Wielangta Road and Bream Creek Road intersection. On Wielangta Road itself the first marker is "7" (UTM 55 G0567904E 5264093N) just up from the junction. There is then a marker placed every kilometre up to the junction with Wielangta Road and Rheban Road in Orford. The numbering terminates as "35".

Geo tagging of each marker has been done and will be collated and passed on tomorrow.

Please notify your respective dispatch services, etc, etc. as you see fit.

Regards

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 4:41 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta Road Markers

Hi s 36

I did a run up through there today and took a GPS, so all sorted.

Zero point is the junction of Arthur Highway and Kellevie Road and the first marker near the start of Wielangta is 7km mark (off Bream Creek Road). 35 markers end at Rheban Road and Wielangta junction.

I'll pass on the geo-tags to all services tomorrow once collated.

Thanks for getting them in so quick.

Cheers

s 36

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Sunday, 30 May 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta Road Markers

s 36 just to be clear your guys are going to gps locate the markers or do I have this mixed up?

s 36

**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 4:47 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Subject:** Re: Wielangta Road Markers

Thanks s 36

Great result.

I'll pass on to the other agencies.

Thanks for your support.

Regards.

s 36

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From: s 36  
Sent: Saturday, 29 May 2021, 4:42 pm  
To: s 36  
Subject: RE: Wielangta Road Markers

s 36 guideposts are in place

From: s 36  
Sent: Friday, 28 May 2021 8:50 AM  
To: s 36  
Subject: RE: Wielangta Road Markers

s 36

You are a champion. Thanks so much for this.

I will advise the EM Services as soon as you confirm.

Quick last question, do the installers geo-locate each marker with a Grid Reference? If so can I get the info. and I'll pass on to dispatch.

Absolutely no dramas if not, we can run a vehicle up and do each one. Just checking in case your guys do this.

I'll pass on to the Commander the great support we are getting from DSG.

Best regards

s 36

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From: s 36  
Sent: 28 May 2021 08:45  
To: s 36  
Subject: RE: Wielangta Road Markers

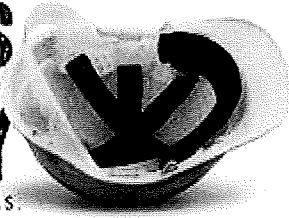
**s 36** I have asked Stornoway to install there suggestion ASAP and we will notify yourself when they are in place.  
The cost of this will be with our cost centre.

**s 36**

Asset Management Branch | Department of State Growth  
4 Salamanca Place Hobart 7000

**s 36**

**YOUR SPEED IS  
OUR SAFETY**  
SLOW DOWN FOR ROAD WORKERS.



My current work pattern is as follows:  
In Office/Field all days

From: **s 36**

Sent: Friday, 28 May 2021 8:10 AM

To: **s 36**

Subject: RE: Wielangta Road Markers

Hi **s 36**

That's sounds like a plan. Are Stornoway happy to place them? We would have no drivers or suitable knowledge of where on the verge to place.

Sorry to ask but I had better, this is a suggestion from Emergency Services that would benefit everyone, I assume any cost will be part of the general road maintenance during the closure. Apologies but the boss will ask me.

Thanks for your help, if we can do it the benefits will be good.

Cheers

**s 36**

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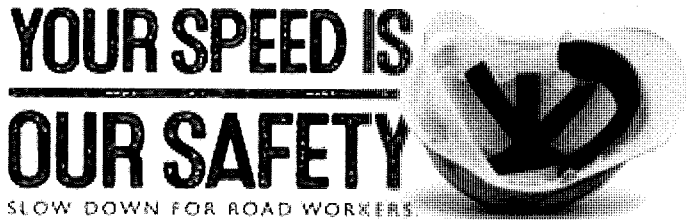
From: s 36  
Sent: 28 May 2021 07:37  
To: s 36  
Cc: s 36  
Subject: FW: Wielangta Road Markers

s 36 would the below suggestion be suitable?

s 36

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4 Salamanca Place Hobart 7000

s 36



My current work pattern is as follows:  
In Office/Field all days

From: s 36  
Sent: Thursday, 27 May 2021 5:17 PM  
To: s 36  
Cc: s 36  
Subject: RE: Wielangta Road Markers

Hey mate,

As discussed, just let us know what's required.

My suggestion would be a Steelflex Guidepost – yellow in colour with a red reflective number with the chainage distance. Spaced at 1km intervals working from the copping end.

s 36

From: s 36  
Sent: Thursday, 27 May 2021 4:01 PM  
To: s 36  
Cc: s 36  
Subject: FW: Wielangta Road Markers

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I think this would be a good idea to assist Emergency services.

**s 36** can you please liaise with SES and arrange for Stornoway to place these (or TFS as appropriate)

Cheers

**s 36**

From: **s 36**  
Sent: Thursday, 27 May 2021 3:56 PM  
To: **s 36**  
Cc: **s 36**  
Subject: RE: Wielangta Road Markers

Hello **s 36**  
Here is the information provided through SES by TFS in relation to markers to assist with grid locations on Wielangta Road.  
If this option is feasible, I can have this referred back to SES & TFS to discuss with the relevant contact within DSG.

Regards

**s 36**

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From: **s 36**  
Sent: 27 May 2021 15:24  
To: **s 36**  
Subject: FW: Wielangta Road Markers

Hi **s 36**

See below for a quick summary of what is a good idea from **s 36** at fire. If you could send to, or have a chat with, **s 36** or equivalent it would be appreciated.

Could you keep me in the loop and I will keep all Em. Serv. advised if it progresses.

Unfortunately, they will need to progress this quickly if they agree.

Regards

**s 36**

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As a result of the closure of Tasman Highway at Paradise Gorge this weekend it is expected that Wielangta road may become a significantly utilised alternative for the public to access the east coast area.

It has been assessed as a difficult area for communications for the public and emergency services with limited phone coverage or clear landmarks.

Concerns have been raised as to how the public could efficiently articulate an approximate location for any emergency incidents that may occur throughout the Wielangta road zone.

It has been determined that road distance markers may assist the public to reasonably supply locality information to emergency services for incident location throughout the length of the road.

The suggestion is for clearly visible and appropriately signed kilometre markers (for example), from whichever direction, that would greatly aid location information for emergency services. Each marker would also have its Grid Reference obtained and this can be provided to Emergency Services dispatch centres to aid in directing critical support to any given emergency incident. This would be beneficial for all dispatch centres and could benefit DSG road crews.

For public clarity clear highlighting of purpose on each sign would be required.

Could the Department of State Growth please consider installing said markers for the duration of the Paradise Gorge road closure.

This action would greatly improve community safety and aid emergency services personnel as well as services such as for breakdowns, tow trucks, etc. It will need to be initiated as soon as is practicable from the start of road closure.

If you could please advise if this concept could be arranged.

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**Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy**  
**Date: 29 May 2021**  
**Large Room 2.23, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/123461**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 4:00 pm**

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points.  
 Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

**FOR Circulation to all ERG members and Branch managers for circulation to staff**

Item No.	Topic
I	<p>I.1 Aim: To understand and manage the risk of rock movement that has been determined may cause an issue on a section of the Tasman Hwy in the vicinity of Paradise Gorge and to minimise the impacts on people and property.</p>
	<p>I.2 Actions from previous meeting:</p> <p>Maintenance – Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Time-lapse camera will be installed before weekend. Completed.</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry Comms Team - Liaise with State Roads Stakeholder Engagement on photographing filming activity. – Completed</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</p> <p>s 36 – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route. Completed.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting for Denise and Fiona with s 36 from Pitt &amp; Sherry on Geo tech review. Completed</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Frequent updates on social media platforms. Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry Comms Team - Liaise with State Roads Stakeholder Engagement on photographing filming activity. – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Complete audits on any TMP's. – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange for a meeting with MRT. Completed</p> <p>Action – Stornoway – Progress scope of what will be required to contain slippage area on Wielangta Road. Ongoing</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Provide s 36 with a list of where VMB's are deployed. - Ongoing</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary - ongoing</li> <li>• There has been some limited external briefings (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC) - Ongoing</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>Weather conditions at this location – As of this morning – weather forecast for weekend indicates areas of of frost for Sunday and Monday mornings.</p> <p>P&amp;S – Team mobilised safety briefings and safety systems, Stornoway went through FAQ's, after lunch installing monitoring equipment, 3 live tilt meters and 10 to 12 monitoring devices. Declare area safe for work tomorrow.</p> <p>Access was challenging, no major vegetation removal, comfortable with access for now to allow for a decision to be made for Stornoway to access area by road tomorrow. Be off site half an hour before sunset. Time to start is 10 to deal with frost risk.</p> <p>Tilt meters are monitoring actual movement and broadcasting every 2 to 3 minute to website. Prisms are surveyed progressively.</p> <p>Accuracy sub millimetre, any movement, no baseline. No activity until after 10. Any movement that triggers will stop work and be assessed.</p> <p>Maintenance Service – Stornoway very happy with how event has rolled out, no visit from Minister. No hold ups, some issues with security last night, but no major issues. Traffic controllers said no issues from public.</p> <p>Wielangta Rd is holding up, some potholing, Stornoway will fix potholes tomorrow. Starting protection of road. Jersey Barriers in place by midday and then gravel will progress, silt curtain and other stuff for water, silt curtain will be delivered on Monday, blanket will be put down before gravel and jersey barriers are put down. Silt curtain to be installed Tuesday.</p> <p>Misinterpretation of security arrangements caused some minor issues last night.</p> <p>Not planning on putting all gravel down to Monday.</p> <p>Gravel being delivered from Orford end.</p> <p>Footage of activities will commence and be delivered to Stakeholder Engagement.</p> <p>Spidertech tomorrow afternoon plan on updating rock fall and developments of clearing and site establishment plan.</p> <p>Road Assets – N/A</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – N/A</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement</p> <p>Updated FAQ's yesterday afternoon, link to them emailed out to stakeholders.</p> <p>Some curly queries about explosives from WWII.</p> <p>Pulse FM poll indicating that road closure was fair. Not much negativity.</p>

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3	State Roads Situation Updates/Priorities
	<p>3.1 Current status of infrastructure and services including any known impacts/damage/closures/concerns as per Appendix B</p>
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	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p> <p>Call centre to log issues on Wielangta Rd, to pin on Intersection Arthur Hwy and Wielangta Rd (Southern End), and Charles St and Tasman Hwy (Northern End).</p> <p>Third version of FAQ's to be refined to assist with Telephone enquiries and fast look up to for quick response.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Update FAQ's as necessary.</p> <p>Query on Emergency services. Contact Glamorgan Spring Bay.</p> <p>Explosives question – Working with Tas Pol – maybe check with Department of Defence.</p> <p>Snow Ploughs will be prepositioned on Lake Leake Road for frost ice and snow as per normal events, check forecast, when safe to operate.</p> <p>s 36 said in parliament that it is likely to be 12 weeks or longer.</p> <p>s 36 – low call volumes, people generally have been pleased that they have someone to talk to.</p>
	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>N/A</p>

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4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>Mineral Resources Tasmania <b>s 36</b> – N/A</p> <p>Freight Industry <b>s 36</b> – N/A</p> <p>Passenger Transport <b>s 36</b> – N/A</p> <p>Business <b>s 36</b> – Sent newsletter out, businesses to register impact on Business Tas website so that in event that Government is in a position to compensate we can act on this.</p> <p>Tourism <b>s 36</b> – Nothing significant, finalised maps and they are starting to be used. Nothing further to report.</p> <p>Events <b>s 36</b> – N/A</p> <p>Transport Inspectors <b>s 36</b> – Wielangta Road travelling west this afternoon has averaged 30 vehicles an hour. Travelling east is only about 10. Travelling east had more this morning but has really dropped off as at 2.30pm today.</p> <p>The road is good at the moment only a small stretch which is limited to 40km will be a bit slippery but still ok.</p> <p>Road crews still working.</p> <p>Heaps of positive comments from motorists. The team at Orford has had lots of locals come up looking for information. Even brought coffees for the team.</p> <p>Driver behaviour is good at the moment.</p> <p>GPS must already have Tasman Highway as closed as we encountered tourists coming up the road following GPS. Claiming they didn't know there even was alternative route.</p> <p>Buckland encountered no Tasmania residents who didn't know the road was closed. There was tourists but only 4 car loads which we pushed to Midland Highway.</p>
	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues</p>



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8	8.1 Lead personnel for next period:
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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Saturday, 29 May 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** info stategrowth  
**Subject:** Closure of Tasman Highway near Orford

I am a resident of Orford and travel to and from Sorell and Hobart on a regular basis, both privately and as a volunteer for CTST.

You will be aware that driving between dusk and dawn is absolutely unadvisable because of the large numbers of native animals that have no respect for our road rules. A journey to Hobart will now take in excess of three hours, on a good day with good traffic conditions. Currently this would allow about 2.5 hours in Hobart to attend medical and other appointments.

People who live on the East Coast, and visit the area, have long complained about the Tasman Highway area at Paradise, and have long lobbied for the sealing of the Wielangta Road. It is ridiculous that tourists and residents travelling to the East Coast from the south should be reliant on a single narrow road through a gorge which is regularly closed in inclement weather because of rock and waterfalls.

There is no mention in current projects about the Wielangta Road, which should be listed as a Project of State Significance. Other projects on the list seem to be fairly frivolous, to my mind.

Please pass my comments to somebody responsible, in more ways than one.

Sincerely

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**s 36****Wielangta Road**Dear **s 36**

I am writing to confirm our phone discussions on 27 and 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

We are aware that Wielangta Road has multiple owners and land tenure along its length. State Roads is not one of them.

Given the current circumstances, with the temporary closure of the Tasman Highway, while we are not promoting Wielangta Road as the preferred detour route, it is shorter and is already a general access road, so there is no doubt that some people will choose to use it as an alternative to Midland Highway and Lake Leake Road.

In recognition of the current suboptimal condition of the road for higher volumes of traffic, the Department of State Growth has engaged its contractors to undertake grading and re-sheeting on the most deteriorated three kilometre section of road and other works such as the installation of new warning signage, a 60 km speed limit and additional guide posts. The road will be inspected daily, and Transport Inspectors will also have a presence at either end of the road to monitor traffic and the 4 WD warning signs will remain in place.

The Department will continue to monitor and maintain Wielangta Road for the duration of the closure of the Tasman Highway, but after that the expectation is that it will return to the management of the various owners.

I trust this addresses your concerns.

Yours sincerely

**s 36**

Denise McIntyre  
**GENERAL MANAGER STATE ROADS**

28 May 2021



# Notes and Actions – State Roads Emergency Response Group

Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy  
Date: 28 May 2021  
Putalina Room, Salamanca Square  
Building and MS Teams  
Notes prepared by: s 36  
CM: D21/123045  
Attendees: see Appendix A

Time: 10:00am

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points.  
Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

FOR Circulation to all ERG members and Branch managers for circulation to staff

Item No.	Topic
1	<p>1.1 Aim: To understand and manage the risk of rock movement that has been determined may cause an issue on a section of the Tasman Hwy in the vicinity of Paradise Gorge and to minimise the impacts on people and property.</p>
	<p>1.2 Actions from previous meeting:</p> <p>Maintenance – Action - Advise Stornoway to set up traffic management Friday for a full road closure. Closure to occur at 11:55pm. Set up as soon as practical. Commenced and ongoing.</p> <p>s 36 – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route. Ongoing.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting with HV Access team and s 36 to discuss access on Wielangta Road. Completed.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting for s 36 with s 36 from Pitt &amp; Sherry on Geo tech review. Have requested Naomi arrange this. Ongoing.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Frequent updates on social media platforms as new information becomes available. Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Time-lapse camera will be installed before weekend. Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry Comms Team - Liaise with State Roads Stakeholder Engagement on photographing filming activity. – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. <a href="mailto:RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au">RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</a> – Ongoing</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Release FAQ's. Completed.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – External audit to be conducted for WHS on works. Completed – Scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> June.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Complete audits on any TMP's. Ongoing</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary - ongoing</li> <li>• There has been some limited external briefings (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC) - Ongoing</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>Weather conditions at this location – As of this morning – weather forecast for weekend indicates areas of morning frost about higher ground for Saturday morning and areas of frost for Sunday and Monday mornings.</p> <p>P&amp;S – <b>s 36</b> Briefing with all contractors play by play for next 5 days, Saturday works will be limited to installing monitors on slopes. Sunday – Stornoway will come in and put in asset protection, barriers and gravel. At least 6 trucks shuttling gravel on Sunday. To be confirmed after first hour.</p> <p>Monday to Wednesday – Spidertech will commence activity</p> <p>Thursday Friday – First Rock is anticipated to be dropped.</p> <p>Stornoway and Spidertech finalising SWMS</p> <p>Veris have monitoring eqpt.</p> <p>Tas Irrigation</p> <p>Developing a programme the sequence of rocks to come down.</p> <p>Developing a design for the rock fall netting.</p> <p>Inform contractors about investigations of WWII ordnance being in area. Bomb response unit aware and Tas Pol informed about it. Expectations in event that materials are identified or found they will pose a low risk.</p> <p>Wall is not heritage listed. Community consultation to be carried out for the wall.</p> <p>Wielangta Road – greasy section of road, weather has reduced activity. Expected to be in pretty good order by tomorrow. Advisory signs will be in place on greasy section of road.</p> <p>Possible slip area, what suitable barrier to use.</p> <p>Action – Stornoway – Progress scope of what will be required to contain slippage area on Wielangta Road.</p> <p>Lake Leake – Inspection completed yesterday by Stornoway and Department some remedial works will be completed, extra signage put up, ice warning signs and some pre ice treatment. Additional inspections to be completed weekly, more vigilance.</p> <p>Maintenance Service – VMB's deployed yesterday.</p> <p>Road Assets –</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – N/A</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement – Putting issues brief together today for Minister, updating FAQ document daily, setup email list for people to subscribe to, speaking to Service Tas as Triabunna about how they can help with those have</p>

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	<p>do not have resources such as internet etc. No proposal to hold any face to face community briefs. Municipal emergency response group getting together and they will manage that locally. Estimate of works to be considered – will not be available for up to 2 weeks. We will know more as work progresses.</p> <p>Corporate comms collaboration on key answers.</p>
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	<p>3.3 Emerging issues:</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Availability and procurement of resources</p> <p>Alternate local route</p>
	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p> <p>Anticipate big comms task for first week, should ease up after this.</p> <p>Local East Coast Newspapers have been missed.</p> <p>Mercury and Examiner to print on Saturday. Ongoing no details as of yet.</p>
	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>N/A</p>
4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>Mineral Resources Tasmania <b>s 36</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MRT identifying areas beyond immediate issue in order to inform further drone inspections while the road is closed.</li> <li>• Once data is collected MRT will analyse and with Pitt and Sherry assess whether any field inspection is required</li> <li>• MRT will undertake preliminary rock fall modelling to determine which parts of the road are vulnerable</li> </ul> <p>Scope is immediate risk, long term risk management considered, community is expecting minimised closure and the immediate risk to be dealt with. Broader Scope will be considered, but scope of work to be conducted in Feature 1, and Feature 4 some areas of work. MRT will do the analysis of areas in other features.</p> <p>Action <b>s 36</b> – Arrange for a meeting with MRT.</p> <p>Freight Industry <b>s 36</b></p> <p>Running through list that keeps growing, TTA on board, main thing is general freight task, intention to test out operations on Wielangta, aware of limitations, issues around fatigue management.</p> <p>Passenger Transport <b>s 36</b></p> <p>Business <b>s 36</b></p> <p>Two calls at this point in response to newsletter that went out on Wednesday.</p> <p>Minister <b>s 36</b> – media release in Sorell today.</p>

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	<p>Tourism <b>s 36</b> –</p> <p>Major concern – capturing new arrivals and getting messaging to them.</p> <p>Screens – RUS have an allocated time – <b>s 36</b> may be the contact – PIU have time – Pull up banners – Car Hire Operators informed – Maps that clearly identify what the closure is and the impacts of detours.</p> <p>TomTom and Google mapping systems have been informed.</p> <p>Events <b>s 36</b> –</p> <p>Transport Inspectors <b>s 36</b> – Transport Inspectors deployed east and west ends of Wielangta Road and a presence in Buckland. From 7am to 7pm Saturday and Sunday.</p>
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## Appendix A

### Attendees:

This list shows Emergency Response Group (ERG) members who attended this meeting. Attendance may change based on the nature of the event. The role of Chair may be delegated.

S 36



**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 May 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta Road Markers

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Please go ahead with below plan.

Please notify myself when complete.

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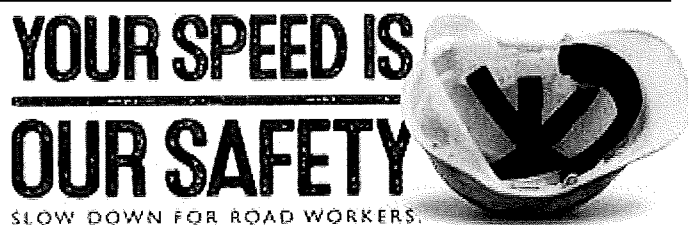
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**Sent:** Friday, 28 May 2021 8:45 AM  
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s 36 I have asked Stornoway to install there suggestion ASAP and we will notify yourself when they are in place. The cost of this will be with our cost centre.

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That's sounds like a plan. Are Stornoway happy to place them? We would have no drivers or suitable knowledge of where on the verge to place.

Sorry to ask but I had better, this is a suggestion from Emergency Services that would benefit everyone, I assume any cost will be part of the general road maintenance during the closure. Apologies but the boss will ask me.

Thanks for your help, if we can do it the benefits will be good.

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s 36 would the below suggestion be suitable?



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**Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy**  
**Date: 27 May 2021**  
**Putalina Room, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/122215**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 10:00am**

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points. Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

**FOR Circulation to all ERG members and Branch managers for circulation to staff**

Item No.	Topic
1	<p>1.1 Aim: To understand and manage the risk of rock movement that has been determined may cause an issue on a section of the Tasman Hwy in the vicinity of Paradise Gorge and to minimise the impacts on people and property.</p>
	<p>1.2 Actions from previous meeting:</p> <p>Maintenance – Action - Advise Stornoway to set up traffic management Friday for a full road closure. Closure to occur at 11:55am. Set up as soon as practical. Commenced and ongoing s 36 – Action – Alternate routes and timings. No longer required.</p> <p>s 36 – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route. Ongoing</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Identify viable alternate routing and how many VMBs will be required. Ongoing.</p> <p>s 36 – Action – contact aboriginal heritage to see if any sensitive sites are in area. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Share SCEP. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Corporate Comms to be contacted. Completed</p> <p>s 36 – Action – Commence communications of event and Road Closure. Completed.</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary - ongoing</li> <li>• There has been some limited external briefings (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC) - Ongoing</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested.</li> </ul>
2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>Weather conditions at this location – As of this morning – weather forecast for weekend have indicated Frost Saturday through Monday. This will trigger Road</p>

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	<p>Closure. Decision has been made to close road Friday night at 12am.</p> <p>Weather forecasts will continue.</p> <p>P&amp;S</p> <p>Catch up with contractors for site management. Current construction program will commence on Saturday after 10 am, this will ensure that any frost activity has no affected the danger area.</p> <p>Great deal of heavy vehicle activity in area on Saturday.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Daily updates on social media platforms.</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Time-lapse camera will be installed before weekend.</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry Comms Team - Liaise with State Roads Stakeholder Engagement on photographing filming activity.</p> <p>P&amp;S have commenced comms engagement in community.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – External audit to be conducted for WHS on works.</p> <p>Action – Pitt &amp; Sherry - Day by day situation report to be emailed to Roads Tas email box. RoadsTas@stategrowth.tas.gov.au</p> <p>Forecast of projected costs of activity by next week.</p> <p>P&amp;S to discuss with heritage Tas – removal of foreign materials around heritage wall, protection of heritage wall will be barriers and gravel.</p> <p>Concerns about environmental issues due to natural vegetation being removed from buttress. Catchments being installed to catch any loose rocks etc that would normally be contained by existing vegetation.</p> <p>Develop and manage data. Deal with immediate risk to make road safe. Longer term will need to be assessed and reviewed. Road is to be closed for a minimal period of time.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting for s 36 with s 36 from Pitt &amp; Sherry on Geo tech review.</p> <p>Maintenance Service –</p> <p>Stornoway to increase the inspection of Lake Leake. s 36 to conduct an inspection of northern area detours.</p> <p>Wielangta will have an increased inspection of road by Stornoway to determine if localised issues need rectification.</p> <p>Expected that resheeting and guide posts will be installed by end of today.</p> <p>What other impacts exist for other existing or upcoming projects.</p> <p>Road Assets – Heavy vehicle accessibility on Wielangta Road, determine what vehicles can be permitted on road. Transport Inspectors and police to monitor traffic on a daily basis.</p> <p>Action – s 36 – Arrange a separate meeting with HV Access team and s 36 to discuss access on Wielangta Road.</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – N/A</p>
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	<p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement – FAQ to be assessed and published on website. All stakeholders to be provided this list. Other actions P&amp;S on ground with stakeholder people talking to businesses and other community areas. Minister Howlett has deployed to area – all businesses in area gathered from Google.</p> <p>Business Tasmania to send information to Roads Tas. Updating Q&amp;A's daily as required, lots of queries on Social Media being monitored daily. Calls coming in to Admin area, greater engagement expected in the first week. Coverage will be provided all weekend. Posters in shops, mail out has gone out very far and wide but not expected in boxes until next week.</p> <p>Safety - Action – <b>s 36</b> – Complete audits on any TMP's.</p>
3	<p>State Roads Situation Updates/Priorities</p> <p>3.1 Current status of infrastructure and services including any known impacts/damage/closures/concerns as per Appendix B</p>
	<p>3.2 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Services</li> <li>• Road Assets/Alternate Routes</li> <li>• Bridges – Investigation of heavy vehicle alternate routes.</li> <li>• Network Management</li> <li>• Projects – N/A</li> <li>• Environment</li> </ul>

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	<p>3.3 Emerging issues:</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Availability and procurement of resources</p> <p>Alternate local route</p>
	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p> <p>Anticipate big comms task for first week, should ease up after this.</p> <p>Local East Coast Newspapers have been missed.</p> <p>Mercury and Examiner to print on Saturday. Ongoing no details as of yet.</p>
	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>N/A</p>
4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>Transport</p> <p>Freight issues – Seafood sector has requested advice, not keen to use Wielangta, having conversations with stakeholders on East Coast.</p> <p>Wholesalers and time sensitive freight not seen to be an issue at this point in time.</p> <p>Gathering information on numbers of vehicles and size.</p> <p>Freight companies need to identify the most appropriate route. Message is that the road is not suitable for heavy vehicles.</p> <p>Passenger Transport – assessing and determining alternate routing, maintaining and updating viable alternatives. Commuter services on Fridays and Sundays, identifying if alternate accommodation arrangements for existing customers can be found.</p> <p>Existing service from Buckland to Hobart to remain, another service from Orford via Lake Leake Road, heavy vehicle fatigue issues need to be identified. 60 children Buckland attend school in Triabunna – no viable transport alternative identified for them.</p> <p>Passenger Transport requires access to the State Roads comms platform.</p> <p>Transport Inspectors required on Wielangta, numbers to be determined, Buckland and Wielangta. Monitoring and volume counting at start, from 8 to 4.</p> <p>Expectation is that locals will use Wielangta road, Department will attempt to manage this as best as possible.</p> <p>Business, Events and Tourism</p> <p>Tourism</p> <p>Messaging has gone out to a number of stakeholders, requests for additional VMB's to deployed, for visiting tourists, if readily available, list of suggested locations sent to s 36 – requested a message of event is on screen at airport. Passenger Transport requested can message about buses be put up on screen at airport.</p>

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	<p>Messaging was sent out to tourism operators and hire drive companies to extend the message outwards to their customers. Impact is significant on Tourism operators on east coast due to other events coming up with expectations that tourists coming to Hobart will not travel to the East Coast area due to the extended times taken to make the trip</p> <p>Business – messaging has gone out to businesses with messaging.</p> <p>Tourism Tasmania – have requested that they be provided some messaging.</p> <p>Compensation considerations. Clarification around that and wording.</p>
	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group: N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues Broader stakeholder engagement has proceeded.</p>
5	<p>External Matters - REMCs/SEMC MRT Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Sorell Council Taswater MAST – when we close road advise MAST through email. Tas Fire Service. Land Owner. Ambulance Tasmania. Health. STT Info to SREMC and NREMC. Comms are extensive and has gone out to all key stakeholders.</p>
6	<p>Task List:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pitt and Sherry – Assign a PM – s 36 - Completed</li> <li>Pitt and Sherry – Develop more detailed plan for an update today – Completed.</li> <li>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Source monitoring equipment. Completed</li> <li>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop scope of works. Completed.</li> <li>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop plan for event to occur. Ongoing</li> <li>Pitt &amp; Sherry – Action – Allocate stakeholder engagement resource for community consultation. Completed.</li> <li>s 36 - Advise Stornoway of information relating to weather triggers. Completed</li> </ul>

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	<p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Procure portable weather station. No longer required.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – TMP – Stornoway. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Alternate routes timings and timings from Stornoway Ongoing – Information has been provided by network access. No longer required.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contract requirements, options. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Identify viable alternate routing and how many VMBs will be required. Ongoing.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Assess Wielangta Road to determine what is required to make trafficable. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – contact aboriginal heritage to see if any sensitive sites are in area. Ongoing.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Continue progressing SCEP. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contact BoM for short to long term forecast and ongoing weather reports. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contact MRT to get advice. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action Contact MAST for advice and how to prevent access to waterway in event road is closed. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Contact Passenger Transport. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform SREMC of event. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and Sorell Councils of situation and access requirements for Wielangta Road. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Liaise with Taswater. Completed</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Inform Tas Fire, Ambulance and Health of decision to close road. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Share SCEP with relevant stakeholders. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Corporate Comms to be contacted. Completed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Commence communications of event and road closure. Completed.</p>
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6	<p>Decisions:</p> <p>Tasman Highway to have intermittent closures of up to 8 minutes at a time on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 May to allow preparatory works to commence and will be managed by Stornoway/Spidertech to manage risk of minor rockfall while climbers are accessing the site</p> <p>Tasman Highway to be completely closed from Friday night 28 May at 12am.</p> <p>Internal/key stakeholder communications regarding the works and road closure will commence as soon as signed off today.</p> <p>External/public communications will commence after internal/key stakeholder communications have been conducted.</p> <p>Commencement of initial work to install digital monitoring equipment on the rockface will not commence until Saturday 29 May.</p> <p>Minister conducted a press conference on Wednesday 26 May to broadcast the event and why a road closure is necessary.</p>
7	Other Business:
8	8.1 Lead personnel for next period: N/A

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## Appendix A

### Attendees:

This list shows Emergency Response Group (ERG) members who attended this meeting. Attendance may change based on the nature of the event. The role of Chair may be delegated.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 27 May 2021 2:01 PM  
**To:** info.stategrowth  
**Subject:** Wielangta Rd upgrade

Dear Sir/Madam

I am seeking more detailed information on any work to be done on the Wielangta Rd pertaining to the closure of the Tasman Hwy at Paradise Gorge.

The media release on the state government website indicates that additional safety works is being undertaken on the Wielangta Rd today, but there is no detail beyond this.

As the owner of a property on this road near Kellevie, I am keen to understand what work may be undertaken on this road in the immediate future.

Can you please provide me details of any work planned work

Regards

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 4:08 PM  
**To:** info stategrowth  
**Subject:** Weilangta road

Perhaps State Growth should look at spending money upgrading the "missing link" in the Great Eastern Drive instead of pouring money into goldplating roads in Bass and Braddon. Weilangta Road is dangerous at present but could be upgraded to allow tourists to travel from the East Coast to the Tasman Peninsula directly. It would complete the ultimate tourist drive in the state.

Also consider putting in passing lanes on the Tasman Highway or at least pull in bays to allow slow moving vehicles to get off the road and let other motorists travel unimpeded. It is a necessary safety measure.

Regards

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Hobart.

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Superintendent's approval to undertake maintenance works on all section of Wielangta Road

Dear s 36

Following on from your recent discussions with the Department regarding works at Paradise Gorge (Tasman Highway) and Wielangta Road, this email provides Stornoway authority to undertake maintenance works under Contract C2191 on any section(s) of Wielangta Road as directed by the Superintendent's Representative s 36

s 36 The Department has consulted with the various road owners and received permission to have works undertaken as required.

Please contact s 36 directly for any enquiries.

Regards

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 May 2021 7:41 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Wielangta road - load limit

Morning,

I spoke with s 36 from Parks late yesterday.

He advised that although they replaced the old timber bridges on Wielangta there are still a number of timber culvert crossings.

We don't have locations for these, they were deemed ok at the time of bridge replacements but we cant confirm when they were last inspected.

He suggested they wouldn't sustain any prolonged heavy vehicle traffic.

I strongly believe we need to place a load limit. 4.5 ton?

Please advise on how you would like to proceed.



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**Putalina Room, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/I/20791**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 8:45am**

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points. Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

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2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>Weather conditions at this location – As of this morning – weather forecast for weekend have indicated Frost Saturday through Monday. This will trigger Road Closure. Decision has been made to close road Friday night at 12am.</p> <p>Maintenance – Visual inspections have been ongoing and no events have triggered closure. No portable weather stations available, still attempting to procure one. This will no longer be required.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry will put digital monitoring and prisms in place with information uploaded on website constantly – will need to modify access on buttress – on main rock column issue and other areas of concern. Veris conducting laser scans and drone scans today to capture full slope. Time lapse cameras and other equipment to be set up on site on other side of river.</p> <p>First activity will be to make accessibility safe and to install monitoring eqpt.</p> <p>Site scoping works being conducted in the next two days.</p> <p>Vegetation clearance can be conducted whilst Stornoway underneath.</p> <p>Impacts of local community due to short notice. Communication to community will be difficult in the event we close road due to a risk and then reopen once risk has passed.</p> <p>In event of frost occurring during night risk increases of rock fall, during evening traffic decreases which slightly minimises the risk of the rock falling and impacting traffic.</p> <p>Schedule of works – nil road closures today. Intermittent road closures on Thursday/Friday. Onsite activity to commence tomorrow – intermittent closures will be reduced to a minimum. Personnel on site today with boat and drone.</p> <p>Comms to be released today.</p> <p>Stornoway will advise P&amp;S on resources and materials required.</p> <p>Sufficient supply of airbags expected.</p> <p>Full digital scanning equipment will be expected by mid-next week.</p> <p>Detailed map required showing detours. <b>s 36</b> – Action – Corporate Comms to be contacted.</p> <p>Spider excavators would not be an efficient method to remove rocks, only efficient method is to use airbags to remove rocks.</p>

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	<p>Long term plan drop all rocks, catch fence installed. Come back in summer to pin rocks to face. Remove high risk elements and then put in more permanent long risk mitigation.</p> <p>Maintenance – Action - Advise Stornoway to set up traffic management Friday for a full road closure. Closure to occur at 12am. Set up as soon as practical.</p> <p>Road Assets –</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – N/A</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement – Continuing with progression of SCEP.</p>
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	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>N/A</p>
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	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues</p> <p>Broader stakeholder engagement has proceeded.</p>
5	<p>External Matters - REMCs/SEMC</p> <p>MRT</p> <p>Glamorgan Spring Bay Council</p> <p>Sorell Council</p>



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	<p>Taswater          MAST – when we close road advise MAST through email.          Tas Fire Service.          Land Owner.          Ambulance Tasmania.          Health.</p>
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6	<p>Decisions:</p> <p>Tasman Highway to have intermittent closures of up to 8 minutes at a time on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 May to allow preparatory works to commence and will be managed by Stornoway/Spidertech to manage risk of minor rockfall while climbers are accessing the site</p> <p>Tasman Highway to be completely closed from Friday night 28 May at 12am.</p> <p>Internal/key stakeholder communications regarding the works and road closure will commence as soon as signed off today.</p> <p>External/public communications will commence after internal/key stakeholder communications have been conducted.</p> <p>Commencement of initial work to install digital monitoring equipment on the rockface will not commence until Saturday 29 May.</p> <p>Advice will be provided to the Minister's office regarding conducting a press conference to broadcast the event and why a road closure is necessary.</p>
7	Other Business:
8	8.1 Lead personnel for next period: N/A

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## Appendix A

### Attendees:

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**Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy**  
**Date: 25 May 2021**  
**6.06 Meeting Room, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/I/20059**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 10.00am**

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	<p>Road Assets – Barry – Wielangta Road reasonably well maintained road Glamorgan Spring Bay end, lot of greasy surface (wet), near to the border of the two councils. How do we go about conducting work on their road to improve stability? Some ongoing issues forecast with Winter approaching .</p> <p>Stornoway to converse with local governments on road maintenance on Wielangta Road.</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access – N/A</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement – Continuing with progression of SCEP.</p>
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## All meetings

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 5:21 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

Steve,

Suggested locations for '60' speed limit signs (R4-1(60)B):

- Kellevie Road, 100 metres north of Arthur Highway junction, sign on western side of road for northbound traffic
- Kellevie Road, 2.3 kilometres north of Arthur Highway junction, sign on western side of road for northbound traffic, and sign on eastern side of road for southbound traffic
- Kellevie Road, 100 metres south of Bream Creek Road junction, sign on eastern side of road for southbound traffic
- Bream Creek Road, 100 metres east of Kellevie Road junction, sign on northern side of road for eastbound traffic
- Bream Creek Road, 100 metres west of Wielangta Road junction, sign on southern side of road for westbound traffic
- Wielangta Road, 200 metres north of Bream Creek Road junction, sign on western side of road for northbound traffic
- Wielangta Road is some 28 kilometres long, provide signs at 4 kilometre intervals, one sign on western side for northbound traffic, and one sign on eastern side for southbound traffic. The speed limit repeater signs should be located on comparatively straight sections of road – avoid installing signs in the vicinity of curves and crests.
- Wielangta Road, 200 metres south of Rheban Road junction, sign on eastern side of road for southbound traffic

Also

- Install a 'Give Way Ahead' warning sign (W3-2) for southbound traffic on the Wielangta Road approach to the junction with Bream Creek Road

Thanks s 36

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** s 36

s 36

Subject: FW: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

Any thoughts gentlemen

From: s 36

Sent: Tuesday, 25 May 2021 10:07 AM

To: s 36

Subject: RE: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

Thanks s 36

On the point of 60kmh signs, can you please see some clarification on repeater intervals being a change in conditions

s 36

From: s 36

Sent: Tuesday, 25 May 2021 9:16 AM

To: s 36

Subject: RE: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

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From: s 36

Sent: Monday, 24 May 2021 5:42 PM

To: s 36

s 36

Subject: FW: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

Hi all,

See below comments from Traffic Engineering. We will work to get the video of the trip available tomorrow.

Regards,

s 36

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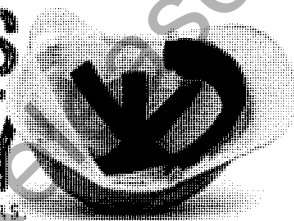
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SLOW DOWN FOR ROAD WORKERS



From: s 36

Sent: Monday, 24 May 2021 5:09 PM

To: s 36

Subject: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

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I drove this road in both directions this morning.

#### Observations

The route links between the Arthur Highway, just west of Copping and the Tasman Highway at Orford.

It comprises:

- chainage 0.0 – 4.7 km, Kellevie Road, owned by Sorell Council

- chainage 4.7 – 6.2 km, Bream Creek Road, owned by Sorell Council
- chainage 6.2 – 11.5 km, Wielangta Road, owned by Forestry
- chainage 11.5 – 13.5 km, Wielangta Road, owned by DPIPW
- chainage 13.5 – 34.6 km, Wielangta Road, owned by Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council
- chainage 34.6 – 35.6 km, Rheban Road, owned by Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council

The Wielangta Road section of the route is an unsealed gravel road. There are warning type signs at either end which state:

<p>Wielangta Road Road Sections Suitable For 4WD Vehicles Only</p>
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Parts of the road have significant longitudinal grades. The road passes through forest and the trees restrict the amount of sunlight which reaches the road surface. Even though the weather has been comparatively dry, there were sections where the road surface was quite greasy.

Although the formation width is generally sufficient to accommodate two-way traffic, as is common on gravel roads, motorists tend to drive towards the middle of the road and loose gravel can build up along the sides.

### Discussion

The Tasman Highway through Paradise Gorge carries some 2,200 vehicles per day.

The Wielangta Road route is not well suited to carry this volume of traffic.

The safety risk associated with a rockfall incident at Paradise Gorge needs to be compared with the safety risk of loss-of-control or side-swipe / head-on type crashes on Wielangta Road.

### Potential mitigations

The following measures should be considered if the Wielangta Road route is used as a detour:

- install a 60 km/h speed limit along the route
- provide additional guide posts along the route in accordance with Australian Standard AS1742, Part 2
- regrade the road surface of the section owned by Forestry (chainage 6.2 – 11.5 km) which is rough and corrugated
- install 'Detour' signs, particularly at the following junctions
  - Arthur Highway / Kellevie Road
  - Kellevie Road / Bream Creek Road
  - Bream Creek Road / Wielangta Road
  - Wielangta Road / Rheban Road
- consider the need for a load limit
- provide road narrows warning signs on approach to bridges

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 May 2021 5:42 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Wielangta Road - traffic engineering review

Hi all,

See below comments from Traffic Engineering. We will work to get the video of the trip available tomorrow.

Regards,

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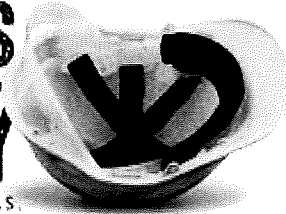
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I drove this road in both directions this morning.

#### Observations

The route links between the Arthur Highway, just west of Copping and the Tasman Highway at Orford.

It comprises:

- chainage 0.0 – 4.7 km, Kellevie Road, owned by Sorell Council
- chainage 4.7 – 6.2 km, Bream Creek Road, owned by Sorell Council
- chainage 6.2 – 11.5 km, Wielangta Road, owned by Forestry
- chainage 11.5 – 13.5 km, Wielangta Road, owned by DPIPW
- chainage 13.5 – 34.6 km, Wielangta Road, owned by Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council
- chainage 34.6 – 35.6 km, Rheban Road, owned by Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council

The Wielangta Road section of the route is an unsealed gravel road. There are warning type signs at either end which state:

Wielangta Road  
Road Sections  
Suitable For  
4WD Vehicles Only

Parts of the road have significant longitudinal grades. The road passes through forest and the trees restrict the amount of sunlight which reaches the road surface. Even though the weather has been comparatively dry, there were sections where the road surface was quite greasy.



Although the formation width is generally sufficient to accommodate two-way traffic, as is common on gravel roads, motorists tend to drive towards the middle of the road and loose gravel can build up along the sides.

### Discussion

The Tasman Highway through Paradise Gorge carries some 2,200 vehicles per day.

The Wielangta Road route is not well suited to carry this volume of traffic.

The safety risk associated with a rockfall incident at Paradise Gorge needs to be compared with the safety risk of loss-of-control or side-swipe / head-on type crashes on Wielangta Road.

### Potential mitigations

The following measures should be considered if the Wielangta Road route is used as a detour:

- install a 60 km/h speed limit along the route
- provide additional guide posts along the route in accordance with Australian Standard AS1742, Part 2
- regrade the road surface of the section owned by Forestry (chainage 6.2 – 11.5 km) which is rough and corrugated
- install 'Detour' signs, particularly at the following junctions
  - Arthur Highway / Kellevie Road
  - Kellevie Road / Bream Creek Road
  - Bream Creek Road / Wielangta Road
  - Wielangta Road / Rheban Road
- consider the need for a load limit
- provide road narrows warning signs on approach to bridges

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 8:41 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta Road - Pavement Condition Inspection

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Ch 0 to 6.2 (Start of Wielangta Rd) – Sorell Council  
 Ch 6.2 to 13.6 (LGA border) – DPIPWE ???  
 Ch 13.6 to End – Glamorgan Spring Bay Council

Regards

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 May 2021 5:10 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Wielangta Road - Pavement Condition Inspection

Thanks, s 36

Do you have an indication of which sections are within Sorell Council owned sections vs Parks vs GSB in the table?

We will need to talk to Council regarding their sections tomorrow

s 36 please pass onto Stornoway if you haven't already

Cheers

s 36

**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 May 2021 3:49 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Wielangta Road - Pavement Condition Inspection

Maintenance Services

Please refer to the attached notes from Road Asset's Wielangta Road inspection today.

For discussion as required.

Regards

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 May 2021 1:39 PM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Glamorgan Spring Bay Council - Wielangta Rd

Hi

Just to confirm that Denise and I have just spoken to the GM re Wielangta Rd and he is happy for us to talk to them, do works required etc. I've flagged the likely need to do additional inspections once road closures are in place – they currently inspect the road monthly.

The contact is s 36, Director Works and Infrastructure s 36

Cheers

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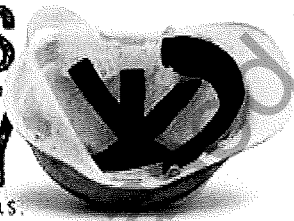
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**Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy**  
**Date: 24 May 2021**  
**2.23 Meeting Room, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 11.00am**

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points. Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

**FOR Circulation to all ERG members and Branch managers for circulation to staff**

Item No.	Topic
1	<p>1.1 Aim: To understand and manage the risk of rock movement that has been determined may cause an issue on a section of the Tasman Hwy in the vicinity of Paradise Gorge and to minimise the impacts on people and property.</p>
	<p>1.2 Actions from previous meeting:</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Assign a PM</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Develop more detailed plan for an update today.</p> <p>s 36 – Advise Stornoway of information relating to weather triggers, procure Portable Weather Station</p> <p>s 36 – Follow up on contract requirements</p> <p>s 36 – Review TMP when made available, assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route.</p> <p>s 36 – Assess Wielangta Road to determine what is required to make trafficable.</p> <p>s 36 – Continue progressing SCEP.</p> <p>s 36</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contacted BOM to get advice and they are represented here today.</li> <li>• Contacted MRT to get advice and they have been in touch with P &amp; S, and are represented here today.</li> <li>• Contacted MAST to get advice on how to prevent access to the waterway if road closed.</li> <li>• Contacted Pitt &amp; Sherry re new Project manager</li> </ul> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary</li> <li>• No external briefings at this stage (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC)</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested</li> </ul>

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2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>I. 2.1 Weather conditions at this location – short and longer term forecast.</p> <p>Action – <b>s 36</b> – send group presentation. See BoM presentation.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry Update –</p> <p><b>s 36</b> – Understand once events occur to determine monitoring – scans or live instrumentation for gauging. Other areas have instrumentation to determine trigger levels, in particular movement.</p> <p>Different technologies readily available. Will require it for once work commences. If work commences in 4 weeks then monitoring eqpt unlikely to be effective, if works are beyond that then monitoring eqpt will be</p> <p>Discussions with Veris to discuss what options are available to measure tilt levels.</p> <p>Fault line through buttress – sometime in next ten years this could accelerate, one rock is concerning at this point. Additional scan for wider area required.</p> <p>Mines have good levels of eqpt to predict slippages</p> <p>Gorge is deteriorating over time due to movement of rock and slow frost jacking is creating issues. Breaks down over time and will continue to break down over time. High traffic area. Pinning in place may reduce toppling, once smaller rocks have been removed.</p> <p>Columns currently in water may have come from previous excavations in the creation of the road.</p> <p>Timeframes for works are subject to other factors involved in the removal, including resourcing and are there other rocks that may need to be removed. Monitoring equipment may better indicate when to restrict access on road.</p> <p>Saturday is forecast to be at a temperature which will force a road closure, and road will remain closed until works completed or monitoring equipment shows no evidence of movement. Plan is to consider a full road closure on Friday 28 May.</p> <p>MRT</p> <p><b>s 36</b> – key query performance – maintenance records past reports – P&amp;S has better understanding – past performance and triggers. What does modelling tell us – this can prioritise what occurs. Monitoring eqpt needs to be safe from fire events.</p> <p>Activity in Paradise Gorge significant rain events, no columns have come down, however large boulders have fallen due to rainfall. This time the concern is about columns toppling.</p> <p>Landslip document to be drafted up.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Source monitoring equipment.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop scope of works.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – draft up plan by tomorrow afternoon.</p>
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	<p>Maintenance – Visual inspections have been ongoing and no events have triggered closure. No portable weather stations available. PWS may have portable stations. EPA may have stations.</p> <p>Road Assets – s 36 [redacted] assessing and videoing travel on Wielangta Road.</p> <p>Bridges and Network Access</p> <p>s 36 [redacted] has provided a detailed report on alternate routes.</p> <p>Projects – N/A</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement – Continuing with progression of SCEP.</p>
3	<p>State Roads Situation Updates/Priorities</p> <p>3.1 Current status of infrastructure and services including any known impacts/damage/closures/concerns as per Appendix B</p>
	<p>3.2 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>s 36 [redacted] – Action – Procure portable weather station.</li> <li>s 36 [redacted] – Action – TMP – Stornoway.</li> <li>s 36 [redacted] – Action – Alternate routes timings and timings.</li> <li>s 36 [redacted] – Action – Contract requirements, options.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Road Assets/Alternate Routes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>s 36 [redacted] – Action – Provide a report on Wielangta Road as a viable transport option and the recommended levels of activity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Bridges – Investigation of heavy vehicle alternate routes.</li> <li>• Network Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>s 36 [redacted] – Action – Review TMP when made available. Assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Projects – N/A</li> </ul>

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	<p>3.3 Emerging issues:</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Availability and procurement of resources</p> <p>Alternate local route</p>
	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p> <p><b>s 36</b> – Action – Continue progression of SCEP.</p> <p>Plan for – building understanding within the community about scale of works.</p> <p>Show people how we are going to do the work and what vision we can provide.</p> <p>Pitt &amp; Sherry – Action – Allocate stakeholder engagement resource for community consultation.</p>
	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>N/A</p>
4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>MRT are aware of issue.</p> <p>Minister’s Office aware – Gary and Kim have been informed.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> – Action – Arrange a tentative meeting Paradise Gorge for Wednesday with relevant stakeholders.</p>
	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues</p> <p>No comms until plan is confirmed.</p>
5	<p>External Matters - REMCs/SEMC</p> <p>MRT</p> <p>Glamorgan Spring Bay Council</p> <p>Sorell Council</p> <p>Taswater</p> <p>MAST – when we close road advise MAST through email.</p>
6	<p>Other business: N/A</p>
7	<p>7.1 Lead personnel for next period: N/A</p>



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## Appendix A

### Attendees:

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**Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy**  
**Date: 21 May 2021**  
**4.30 Meeting Room, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 11.00am**

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points. Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

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1	<p>1.1 Aim: To understand and manage the risk of rock movement that has been determined may cause an issue on a section of the Tasman Hwy in the vicinity of Paradise Gorge and to minimise the impacts on people and property.</p>
	<p>1.2 Actions from previous meeting: noted</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary</li> <li>• No external briefings at this stage (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC)</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested</li> </ul>
2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>2.1 No weather trigger, visible movement or rocks.</p> <p>Maintenance - Discussions Stornoway about TMP – in development, issues with map sizing, advised to do intersections. Stornoway are procuring a portable weather station to put in the area.</p> <p>Bridges - NA</p> <p>Stakeholder Engagement - SCEP – work in progress, lot of work has been done, further information from today's meeting will feed into completed document. Key messages for this phase if enquiry about closure of road and what we would be doing including alternate routes. Working through action list – dependant on lead time, some newspaper, media releases, social media, using REMC to get messages out. More info required about other Stakeholders required. Wording around safe vs unsafe – State Roads are managing an identified risk. Change in risk level – changing our actions. Current message about road is – it is trafficable, as we are managing the risk.</p>

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	<p>Pitt and Sherry</p> <p>Drones and laser surveillance of the area was considered to be the most efficient and least impactful method of surveying the area. This work has identified a significant risk of rock slippage, this rock would need to be removed to ensure stability and a safe and trafficable environment. Further investigation in the area is required. It is anticipated that the removal of the rock would be completed in two stages.</p> <p>Stage 1 – safe line attached, remove loose rocks and foliage to determine access and priority for removal. Partial and intermittent lane and road closures for one week to complete work. This time is also expected to scope out work required for full removal of the rocks.</p> <p>Stage 2 – jersey barriers and pea gravel in place for removal of larger rocks. Heritage wall is expected to be protected by the jersey barriers and pea gravel. Removal of the larger rocks is expected to be completed by use of airbags. Breakdown of rocks for cartage would be drilled and blasted under control. It is expected that a significant amount of rock will fall into the river. This stage of work is expected to take up to 12 weeks. A factor affecting the works will be the winter weather and may affect up to 30% of the time. A full road closure would be required during this stage.</p> <p>Observation of the activity by the public should be discouraged on land and in the adjacent river. PWS may need to be advised for closure of the watercourse in area.</p> <p>Water pipe in the area was considered to not be in the area of impact.</p> <p>Advice of weather events is rainfall that could create runoff or that is up to 10mm of rain per hour or 20mm over a day will be significant enough to require a road closure. If using the Orford weather station a temperature at or below 3 degrees would be considered enough to cause frost in the vicinity of affected area and require a road closure.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Assign a Project Manager and provide <span style="background-color: black; color: red;">S 36</span> with details.</p> <p>Pitt and Sherry – Action – Develop more detailed plan to update the group on Monday</p> <p>Spidertech indicated that resourcing for the work should not be an issue.</p>
3	<p>State Roads Situation Updates/Priorities</p> <p>3.1 Current status of infrastructure and services including any known</p>

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	<p>impacts/damage/closures/concerns as per Appendix B</p>
	<p>3.2 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Services</li> </ul> <p>TMP and portable weather station Stornoway.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – BOM information required. Advise Stornoway of new information relating to weather triggers.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Follow up on contract requirements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridges – Investigation of heavy vehicle alternate routes.</li> <li>• Traffic Signals – N/A</li> <li>• Network Management – <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action -Review TMP when made available. Assess Wielangta Road for sign requirements if deemed a viable alternate route.</li> <li>• Projects – N/A</li> <li>• Sealing/linemarking – <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Assess Wielangta Road to determine what is required to make it trafficable.</li> <li>• Landslip etc</li> </ul>
	<p>3.3 Emerging issues:</p> <p>Awaiting further information from P&amp;S – Project Manager, ongoing reports from Stornoway.</p> <p>Tas Water may be affected.</p> <p>River – PWS may need to be notified to ensure no one is using the watercourse during works.</p>
	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – Continue progressing SCEP.</p> <p>Wait on input from <b>s 36</b> [redacted] on when to release comms internally.</p> <p>No broader agency comms until a plan is released.</p> <p>Wording around safe vs unsafe – State Roads are managing an identified risk.</p> <p>Change in risk level – changes our actions.</p> <p>Current message about road is – it is trafficable, as we are managing the risk.</p>

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	3.5 Safety: N/A
4	Agency Priorities 4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:
	4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group:
	4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues
5	External Matters - REMCs/SEMC MRT Glamorgan Spring Bay Council Sorell Council Taswater
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7	7.1 Lead personnel for next period – Simon Buxton – MRT? – representative from BoM?

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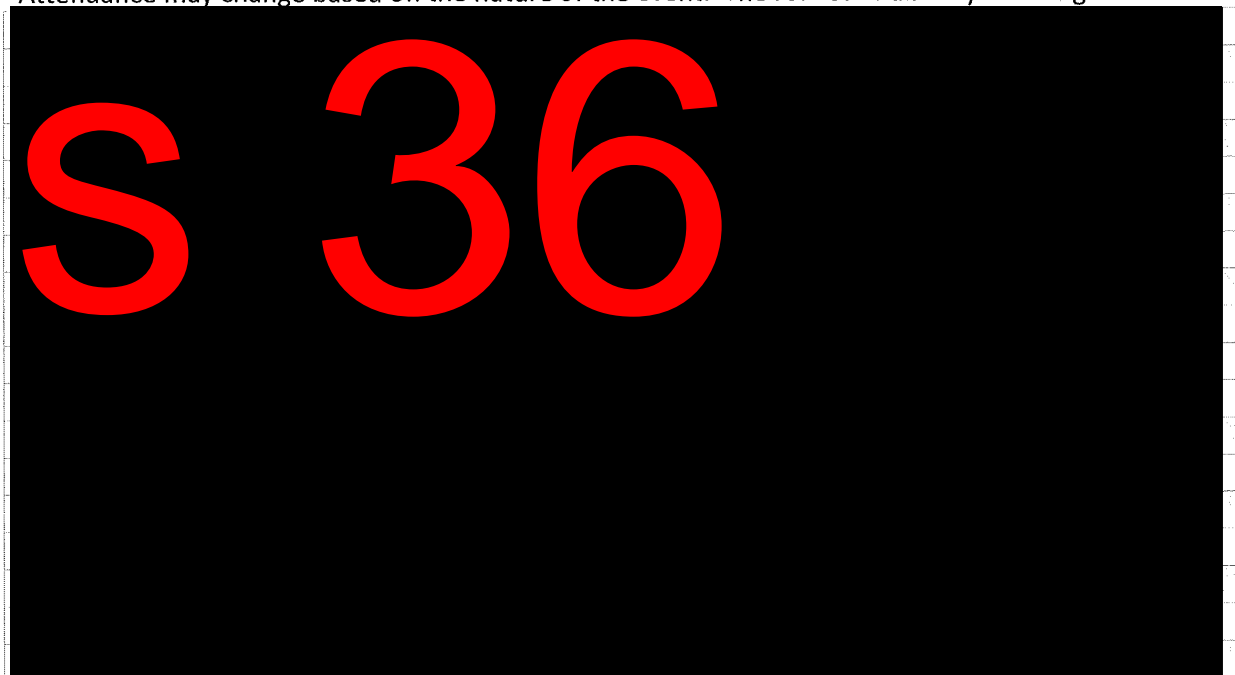
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**Event: Rock – Paradise – Tasman Hwy**  
**Date: 20 May 2021**  
**4.30 Meeting Room, Salamanca Square**  
**Building and MS Teams**  
**Notes prepared by: s 36**  
**CM: D21/115558**  
**Attendees: see Appendix A**

**Time: 12.30pm**

Scope: These notes record the agreed actions of the State Roads Emergency Response Group and a summary of discussion points. Members/attendees keep their own detailed/supporting notes as necessary.

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	<p>1.2 Actions from previous meeting: N/A</p> <p>All meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM SR to update DecSec/Sec/Ministers office as necessary</li> <li>• No external briefings at this stage (State Growth EM Coord/EMSC)</li> <li>• All attendees to brief/updated direct reports/contractors as needed</li> <li>• AEMO to update notes from previous meeting as requested</li> </ul>
2	<p>Situation update – summary of current situation report and forecast from EM partners/BOM:</p> <p>1.3 P&amp;S provided updated information regarding rock buttress at Paradise Gorge on the Tasman Highway that had been monitored. Original assessment was that the risk was manageable and there was no need to remove the rocks, however additional information collected by drone to produce 3d modelling has indicated that the area is not stable – raised risk level to a higher degree with winter approaching. Suggestion has been for removal of 60 to 100t of rock.</p> <p>1.4 Stornoway been requested to provide inspections daily, get the closest BOM tower alert level.</p> <p>1.5 In meantime a portable weather station may be appropriate.</p> <p>1.6 Stornoway are conducting an inspection today and ongoing visual inspections, if there are concerns then they are instructed to close the road immediately – they will report this afternoon, they are under roster 7 days a week – weather and situation reports by 3.15pm daily.</p> <p>1.7 Planning time will be required, indication of one to two weeks to complete works – full road closure would be required.</p> <p>1.8 Pitt and Sherry are still analysing information and undertaking more detailed modelling – we are awaiting confirmation from them of when the work could be</p>



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	<p>scheduled.</p> <p>1.9 No date confirmed for works.</p> <p>1.10 P&amp;S have indicated that the risk is manageable in fine weather, however if temperature drops to frost level, significant rainfall occurs (level to be determined), other rocks are found on road that indicates movement, or other movement is detected, this would indicate a change in the risk level. If one of those conditions exist then road to be closed immediately by Stornoway.</p> <p>1.11 VMBs to be prepared to show closure of the road, and bollards to be deployed.</p> <p>1.12 Current long term forecast (next 7 days) appearing positive – minimum temperatures at 5 degrees or higher and no significant rain (1-2mm only).</p> <p>1.13 Awaiting P&amp;S to report further information by tomorrow.</p> <p>1.14 Alternate routes – Wielangta Road may require work to ensure trafficable.</p> <p>1.15 Upon closure of the Tasman an assessment would be undertaken to determine when it could be reopened after the rocks are removed.</p> <p>1.16 Between 50 to 75m of the road could be affected, primary risk, there may be other areas of concern.</p>
3	<p>State Roads Situation Updates/Priorities</p> <p>3.1 Current status of infrastructure and services including any known impacts/damage/closures/concerns as per Appendix B</p> <p>In fine weather P&amp;S not concerned with closing road, unless the following four issues arise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• temperature drops to frost level;</li> <li>• significant rain fall or weather event (what this is – to be determined by P&amp;S);</li> <li>• other rocks found on road or spoon basin that indicates movement;</li> <li>• or any other movement is detected.</li> </ul> <p>In the event of none of those four exist then road is considered trafficable, if one of those conditions exist then road to be closed immediately.</p> <p>Current long term weather forecast appears positive.</p> <p>When and if road is closed it has been determined that the road will not be reopened until such time as the rock has been removed and road is deemed trafficable.</p>
	<p>3.2 Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance Services</li> </ul> <p>Maintenance contractors and staff ready, have identified areas of concern, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Transport to Triabunna and other areas of the SE region that is generally</li> </ul>

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	<p>serviced from the south.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>s 36</b> [redacted] – Action – detour – ready to go signs – check with Stornoway to see if sufficient signage and have signs made and ready to be deployed after TMP. Ensure Stornoway has VMB's ready to be deployed (but not placed on or near the site yet).</li> <li>• Bridges – alternate route, transport industry to be informed, a couple of projects on Tasman Hwy north of area – Sheas Creek works nearly completed.</li> <li>• Traffic Signals – N/A</li> <li>• Network Management – Signposting of the alternate routes, being done as far south as Sorell. Stornoway will be conducting sign posting in short term. P&amp;S to provide TMP and signage for long term.</li> </ul> <p>Network Management action is to ensure signs are sufficient and will not impose on other works in the Sorell area and cause confusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects – Nothing to report, other road projects may cause issues particularly in Sorell area, consideration of both static and VMB.</li> <li>• Sealing/linemarking – pea gravel to be put down to protect existing pavement – potential for damage to seal.</li> </ul> <p><b>s 36</b> [redacted] - Action : Wielangta Road may have to be made trafficable – last assessment conducted – <b>s 36</b> [redacted] and PWS may have been involved. What will be required to make trafficable. What sort of lead time?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landslip etc</li> </ul>
	<p>3.3 Emerging issues:</p> <p>Awaiting further information from P&amp;S in next day or two, ongoing reports from Stornoway.</p> <p>Removal of buttress – heritage wall Glamorgan Spring Bay council may have some input.</p> <p>Tas Water may be affected.</p>
	<p>3.4 Messaging/stakeholder management:</p> <p>Sooner rather than later, number of consultants and contractors aware of this so media could be advised.</p> <p>Rock movement identified as being an issue January after heavy rains, so Department requested consultants identify risk.</p> <p>Timing – will the report be enough to be able to go out to all stakeholders.</p> <p>Decision making – may close due to rain or frost, debris on road or weather event will close road and remain closed until fixed.</p> <p>Stornoway will be prepared to deploy signs and VMBs immediately.</p>

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	<p>Other Signage – Signs will be de-identified.</p> <p>Wielangta Road – will be assessed to identify what condition is and what will be required for it to make trafficable.</p> <p><b>s 36</b> - Action: draw up a SCEP to capture all stakeholder issues.</p>
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	<p>3.5 Safety:</p> <p>Traffic management will be the key issue, TMP to meet standards and be easy to understand.</p>
4	<p>Agency Priorities</p> <p>4.1 Requests/issues referred to other areas:</p> <p>Transport/Heavy Vehicle industry, Passenger Transport, REMC, Councils, SES, Police, Fire, Ambulance, businesses.</p> <p>s 36 [REDACTED]</p> <p>s 36 [REDACTED] - Action: Inform Gary, Kim today and Minister's office tomorrow.</p>
	<p>4.2 Representation at mtgs eg EM Coordination Group:</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>4.3 Broader stakeholder communication issues</p> <p>N/A</p>
5	<p>External Matters - REMCs/SEMC</p> <p>N/A</p>
6	<p>Other business:</p> <p>N/A</p>
7	<p>7.1 Lead personnel for next period – resourcing</p> <p>As per this mtg.</p>
	<p>Next meeting – late morning early afternoon 21 May 2021. Pitt and Sherry to be invited.</p>

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 February 2021 1:27 PM  
**To:** McIntyre, Denise  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up on our Nov 2020 Meeting

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Thanks for the quick response Denise.

If there is anything else you need to move Hastings along please let us know.

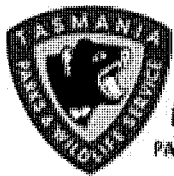
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**From:** McIntyre, Denise s 36  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 February 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** RE: Follow up on our Nov 2020 Meeting

Hi s 36 I thought I had responded, but maybe not.

At this stage the only project we could possibly progress would be Hastings car park. The plans for Cape Bruny are concept only an Wielangta will need a lot of work to develop.

Will keep in touch though.

Denise

**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 February 2021 10:58 AM  
**To:** McIntyre, Denise s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Follow up on our Nov 2020 Meeting

Hi Denise,

I'm not sure whether **s 36** has followed up with you since our meeting in late November but as I'm sitting temporarily in his chair I thought I'd touch base and see if anything has progressed in terms of your interest/ability to undertake shovel ready road/car park works on behalf of PWS with joint funding?

I provided a range of plans, costings etc in December for Hastings, Cape Bruny and Wielangta Road – is there any other information you need from us?

For your info we have also recently allocated approximately \$40K to Wielangta Road Maintenance – I think when we discussed we may have had only \$10K allocated to minor potholing there.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers

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**Sent:** Monday, 14 December 2020 8:07 AM  
**To:** McIntyre, Denise  
**Subject:** FW: Roads to seal

**Categories:** For action

FYI – appreciate any thoughts you have on the merits of these

**From:** Simon Boughey [mailto:Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 November 2020 12:51 PM  
**To:** Swain, Gary s 36  
**Cc:** Simon Boughey <Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Roads to seal

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**Cc:** Simon Boughey <Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Roads to seal and Madeleines speech

Hi Senators

Forgot to mention the priority for the road sealing is:

- Wielangta Road - Copping to Orford
- Marlborough Hwy - Bronte Park to Miena
- Complete the Buckland to Oatlands road about 6 kms
- From East coast Hwy turnoff to Anson's Bay and around to Gladstone (Lyons and Bass)
- Royal George Road - Avoca to Cranbrook

Sorry if it wasn't clear in the first email

Enjoy your weekends

Regards

Simon



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**From:** Simon Boughey

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**Cc:** Simon Boughey <[Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au)>

**Subject:** FW: Roads to seal and Madeleines speech

Hi Senators

Hope all good with you both ?

Please see below for your information

Not much came out of the State budget on these roads, see below

Perhaps they could be considered at your level for 2021/2022 budget and for 2022 Tasmanian package or for Lyons as all are in Lyons, except Anson's Bay road that goes into Bass

Madeleine says to say hello too

I have attached her budget reply speech too where she highlights APS jobs , space and technology re Macq Point and a number of other things

Regards

Simon

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**From:** Simon Boughey

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 November 2020 10:51 AM

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**Cc:** Simon Boughey <[Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Fwd: Roads to seal

How are we going on these roads ?  
Feds Libs could fund for Lyons too for 2022 with state back up ?

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**From:** Simon Boughey <>  
**Date:** 12 November 2020 at 12:40:43 pm AEDT  
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**Cc:** Simon Boughey <[Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:Simon.Boughey@parliament.tas.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Roads to seal

Hi John

For your info roads to seal all in Lyons and a bit of Bass:

- Wielangta Road Copping to Orford
- Marlborough Hwy Bronte Park to Miena
- From East coast Hwy turnoff to Anson's Bay and around to Gladstone (Lyons and Bass)
- Royal George Road - Avoca to Cranbrook
- Complete the Buckland to Oatlands road about 6 kms

Regard  
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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 November 2020 2:40 PM  
**To:** McIntyre, Denise  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** Wielangta Road

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Hi Denise,

A follow up to the previous e-mail. I forgot to mention I worked closely with s 36 to come up with cost estimates to resurface/grade/repair Wielangta Road and later engaged consultants s 36 to come up with independent assessment of the upgrade costs to form a basis of the grant deed with Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.

Both of these guys gave us estimates for upgrading the gravel surface in the Sorell end as well as the GSB end. I could provide these but they are so old they could only be considered ball park figures at this time.

We never got anything accurate in terms of what it would cost to seal all or part of the road as this was never really considered in the ball park of available funds.

Cheers

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 November 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** McIntyre, Denise  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** FW: Wielangta Road Tenure and Management Summary  
**Attachments:** W Road Land Tenure Summary Poor Section 250119.pdf; W Road Land Tenure Detail Poor Section North 250119.pdf; W Road Land Tenure Detail Poor Section South 250119.pdf; Wielangta Road Warning Signs.pdf

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Hi Denise,

Here are some e-mails I have prepared in the past summarising the Wielangta Road ownership/maintenance issues.

If you look at the attached maps or the LIST links, we are responsible for the section from the Council boundary to just past the former 'low timber bridge' at the end of the FPPF land and start of the permanent timber production forest (2.6km). The section from the council boundary to Bream Ck road is 7.3km.

Cheers

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2020 10:11 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Cc:** s 36  
**Subject:** FW: Wielangta Road Tenure and Management Summary

Hi s 36

Andrew Roberts asked me to provide you with an updated on the responsibilities for maintenance of Wielangta Road.

Below is an e-mail I prepared around this time last year and the issues around ownership and maintenance have not changed. The condition of the road has just deteriorated further.

While the maintenance of the northern section is now clear and resolved, the responsibility of the southern section is still not clear.

It could be argued that Sorell Council, with ratepayers along this section should be responsible to maintain like other rural gravel roads in their municipality (including Bream Creek Road which Wielangta Road comes off).

Similarly it could be argued that Sustainable Timbers Tasmania and private timber companies like Forico are responsible for the road as it is used to access production forests. The road was originally put in by the forestry industry and over the years was maintained by North Forest Products, Gunns and then Forestry Tasmania for the

entire length. Since the Forest Agreement and Forestry Tas (now Sustainable Timbers Tas) started focusing on timber production and minimising its 'community obligations' these type of 'tourist' or 'public access' roads were not seen as a priority for maintenance or not key responsibility of STT. Similarly with the closure of the Triabunna Mill there was no longer a need for road by the forestry industry to transport logs from the Tasman Peninsula to the mill. STT also have no legal responsibility to maintain roads to the standard expect of state growth or council road for public use. So they are happy to let the condition deteriorate until they need to access timber and then they will repair as needed.

Some people, including Sorell argue that the PWS should or is maintaining the road. Since the forest agreement PWS has been given responsibility for the Future Potential Production Forest Lands (FPPFL) along with roads on that land (that would have previously been managed by STT). So there is a section in the middle on FPPFL land that is the responsibility of PWS to maintain (see maps attached). We have replaced a bridge in this section as part of the upgrade works in the northern section (recognising the responsibility for this bridge sat with us). There is likely to be an internal PWS funding request for maintenance funds for this section of road in next financial year (with no guarantees it will be funded over other priority maintenance works) but even if this was upgraded the majority of the southern section would not be maintained and still up for debate in terms of who is responsible for maintaining. There has always been a hesitation by PWS to do any major works because we don't want to reinforce the notion it is 'our' road through the actions of actively maintaining sections of it. The works we did at the northern end was at the request of the Government in order to secure an agreement with Council for ongoing maintenance,

The only major change to the e-mail status below is that there has recently been warning signage installed advising that the road is suitable for 4WD only in some sections (see attached). Three signs have been installed, one at each end and one in the middle near Rheban Road (for those coming from the North at Orford this is the last obvious turn around point).

Hope this helps.

Cheers



From: **S 36**  
Sent: Monday, 11 February 2019 9:57 AM  
To: Jacobi, Jason (Parks) <Jason.Jacobi@parks.tas.gov.au>  
Cc: **S 36**  
Subject: Wielangta Road Tenure and Management Summary

Hi Jason,

Here is a collection of Wielangta Road related information/briefings I have prepared in the last few months as the condition of the southern end of the road in the Sorell Municipality has started to gain some media interest given then clear difference in the condition of the road since the upgrades have been completed for the full length fo the Glamorgan Spring Bay section to the Council boundary.

I am not aware of anything that has changed since November when we were scrambling to work out what it would cost to upgrade the remaining/poorly maintained section within the Sorell Municipality (I'll forward a separate e-mail which provides cost estimates).

The issue always seems to come back to 'who's road is it?' and 'who is going to upgrade the bad sections?' While the questions seem pretty simple the answers are complex:

## Ownership vs Management

- 'Ownership' of Wielangta Road is a difficult to resolve without potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars on surveys, potential land transfers, declaration of new road reserves or entering into legal agreements for access over private land etc.
- The Surveyor General advised against 'sorting the ownership' early in the project and suggested focusing on who was responsible for the ongoing management/maintenance of the road (which is much easier to define).

## Northern Section

- The management of the northern section (from the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council and Sorell Council Boundary through to Orford) is quite clear now – it is the responsibility of Glamorgan Spring Bay Council.
- It has been GSB Council's responsibility since they declared the road a 'Highway' under the Local Government Highways Act in the Government Gazette and added it to their database/GIS system of roads they manage.
- GSB Council made the declaration and agreed to take on the ongoing maintenance liability as a result of extended negotiations with PWS and eventually through a grant deed that involved PWS (on behalf of the State Government) replacing 4 bridges in need of replacement and providing a grant to GSB Council of approx. \$800K to upgrade the road surface, improve drainage, clear vegetation (and effectively bring up to the standard for a rural unsealed road suitable for 2WD vehicles).
- As a result of the grant deed and road works completed last year the northern section of Wielangta Road (which is approximately 21km to the Council boundary) is in good condition and suitable for 2WD vehicles.

## Southern Section

- The PWS attempted similar negotiations with the Sorell Council but Sorell have on several occasions indicated they have no interest or financial capacity to take on the maintenance liability for Wielangta Road – without an ongoing annual contribution to cover the maintenance costs for the road.
- The southern section (in Sorelly Municipality) which is approximately 7km from the Council Boundary to Bream Creek Road is in parts not suitable for 2WD vehicles.
- The worst section of the road is closest to the Council boundary. When last inspected (around November 2018) there appeared to be some roadworks undertaken on the first 5-6km of the road from Bream Creek to the point where a logging coupe had recently been logged. A couple of months prior to this there were some enquiries to PWS about the ownership/maintenance liability of the southern section by Forico (who manage a lot of the forestry land in the area). Therefore it is assumed that Forico conducted these logging operations and upgraded the road to support the logging activity). As a result there is a section in the middle approximately 1-2km that has had no work for a number of years and is in poor condition. The road is probably no worse than before all these negotiations began because during the bridge replacements there were some basic road maintenance works (filling potholes and some grading) undertaken to allow the trucks to access the two southern bridge replacement site. However as time passes this section of road will continue to deteriorate.
- Around November last year PWS provided some estimates of what it might cost to upgrade the remaining section of the road in poor condition (I can forward these separately again if needed).

## Signage

- There is some very minor signage at the start of the road near Orford saying it is a gravel road and conditions are subject to change (a standard yellow sign you see at the start of a lot of gravel roads). The same signage is at the Southern end near Bream Creek Road.
- This signs have been in place since Forestry Tas used to manage the road, and as a result some people tend to ignore them, tourists included.
- Internally we have discussed the issue of signage and the change in condition of the road – particularly for visitors coming from the north the point at which the road deteriorates is a considerable distance from the most obvious alternate route (20km) and a considerable way from any intersection with other routes for return (ie Rheban Road – approx. 10km back from the Council Boundary and 10km from Orford). As a result most tourists once they discover the change in road condition, particularly those with GPS would potentially just look at the distance remaining and decide to proceed through the 'bad' section. So there certainly is a case for 'warning' signs but where this should be provided and who should install/maintain the signs would

need to be negotiated with GSB Council in the north and potentially Sorell Council and/or Forico in the south.

After preparing this quick summary I prepared a range of maps to show where I thought the worst section of the road is and how this relates to land tenure/management responsibility.

Without taking a GPS or actual measurements during the last inspection, I prepared the attached maps in the LIST (you can follow the links below to take you to the list to zoom in to individual parcels of land, overlay additional LIST layers etc)

First map is a quick summary of major parcels of land, tenure and my guess at where the worst bit is.

<https://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au/listmap/app/list/map?bookmarkId=347665>

Second map is a detail map showing all the owners/managers of every parcel of land – you will need to drag the map down as you look.

<https://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au/listmap/app/list/map?bookmarkId=347702>

From the maps attached my guess would be the worst section of the road is FPPF Land managed by us or Permanent Timber Production Zone Land which is still lists as Forestry Tas (I'm assuming Sustainable Timbers Tas now) as the managing authority (see the blue line over the road for my guess of where it is the poor section).

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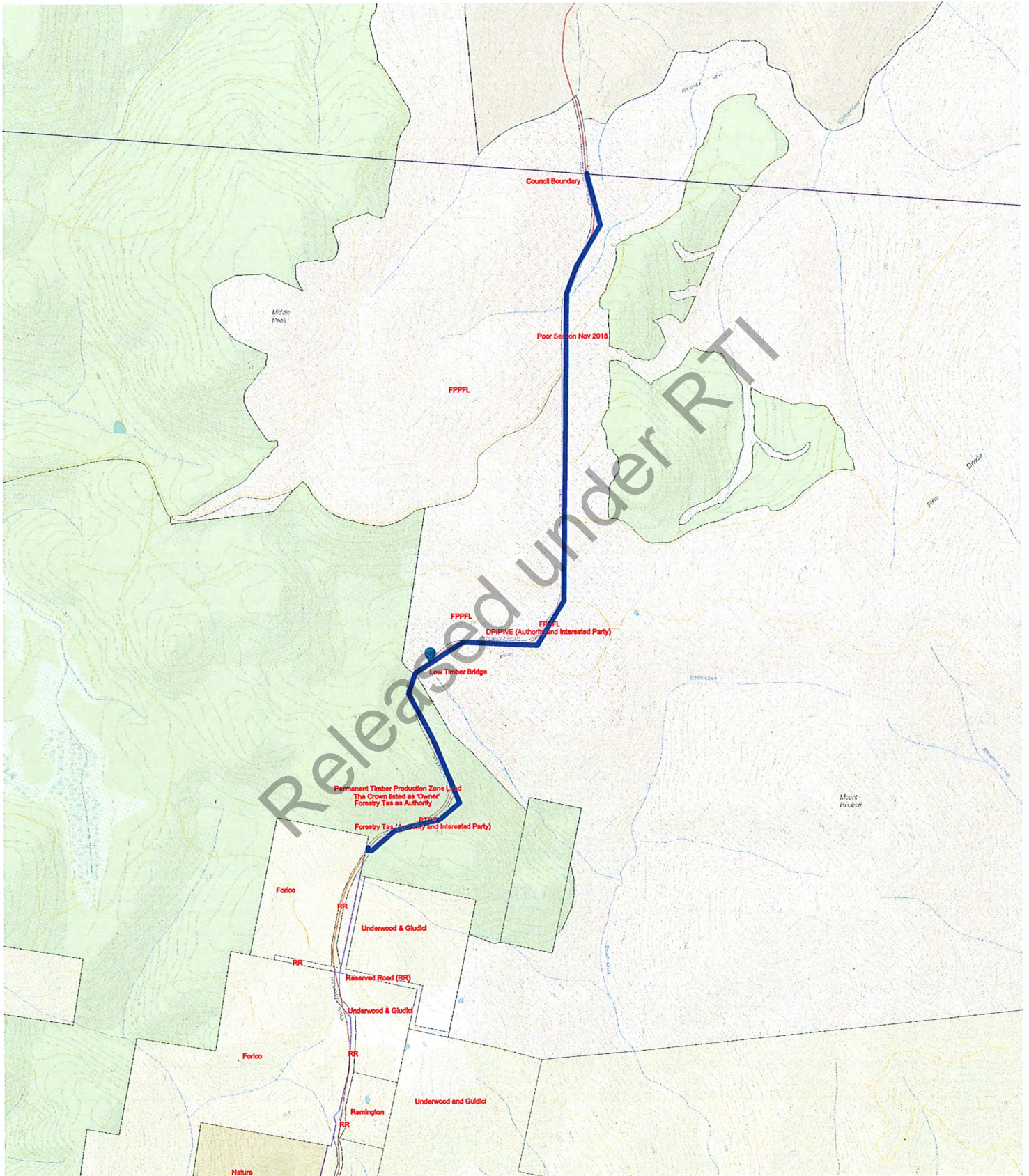
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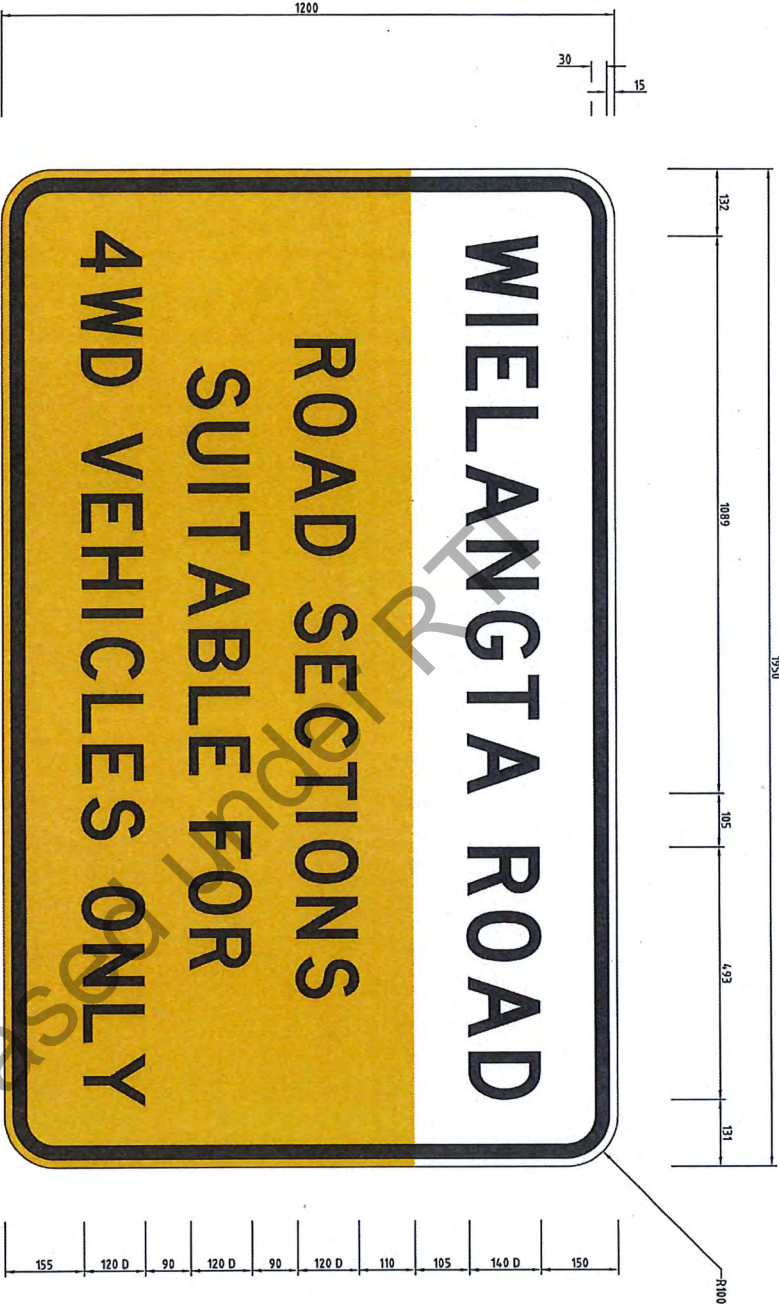
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27 OCT 2020

Dear Mr Etheridge *Mark*

Thank you for the correspondence of 8 July 2020 to the Honorable Sarah Courtney MP, Minister for Small Business in relation to your submission to the *Rebuild a Stronger Tasmania Small Business Seminar*.

In my capacity as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, I am pleased to respond to some of the issues you have raised in relation to the Arthur Highway and Wielangta Road.

The Tasmanian Government recognises the importance of the Arthur Highway in providing safe and efficient access to the local community and visitors to regional tourist attractions.

The Tasmanian Government is improving the safety of the Arthur Highway at Eaglehawk Neck as part of the Visitor Economy Roads Package. The project includes widening the existing lanes of the Arthur Highway between Old Jetty Road and Blowhole Road, improving the road surface and providing improved turning facilities out of Blowhole Road.

The Project will also make provision for an on-road pathway between the Dog Line Memorial and Blowhole Road. This pathway is part of a larger community-led project being completed in stages from the Tessellated Pavement car park to the Tasman Arch. Construction is likely to begin in early 2021.

The Department of State Growth is trialling the implementation of roadside stopping bays for slow moving vehicles on the Arthur Highway between south of Murdunna and north of Eaglehawk Neck overtaking lanes. These upgrades are expected to reduce the reported delays and driver frustration due to slow moving vehicles. Preliminary work and investigations are currently progressing and construction is likely to begin in early 2021.

The Department has also advised me that two sites on the Arthur Highway, north of Flinders Creek Bridge, are programmed to undergo road surface renewal during the summer, when the weather is warmer.

In addition, a 3.6 km section of the Arthur Highway, between Gangells Road, Forcett and Blue Hills Road, Copping, is scheduled for resurfacing over the 2020-21 financial year. A targeted maintenance works program for the Arthur Highway is also being prepared by the Department with works to be undertaken this spring.

The work is part of the Government's ongoing commitment to maintain the State road network, which comprises approximately 3 700 kilometres of road and 1 300 bridges.

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The Department has advised me that following the devastating floods in 2016, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service funded repairs to major bridges and was able to successfully negotiate with Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council to take over management of the section of road within that municipality. However, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service was unable to negotiate a similar arrangement with Sorell Council, which insists that the road should be used for local access only.

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I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Cc Hon Sarah Courtney MP, Minister for Small Business, Hospitality and Events

Please pass on to your members  
my appreciation for the support,  
efforts and determination shown by  
our business sector during 2020.  
May '21 be a strong one!

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 Phs 36

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**Blundstone Arena, Bellerive**

**8 July 2020**

To: Hon. Sarah Courtney MP

Dear Ms Courtney,

We appreciate the opportunity to make a submission for the seminar you are conducting today, on behalf of the Government. We have addressed five key issues - details below.

We have approached our submission in terms of the bigger picture, with a focus on the development of community capacity. This will enable private enterprise to invest with confidence due to the advantages that stronger local communities (particularly in the public realm), contribute to successful outcomes.

This submission includes investments which are specific to the Tasman Peninsula and others that can be applied statewide.

**1. Arthur Highway - Sorell to Port Arthur (including the loop Taranna-Premaydena-Nubeena-Port Arthur)**

The traffic levels on this road have increased significantly over the past 30 years. Over this period of time there have been improvements in sections of this road. However, the majority of the highway remains unchanged.

With a lack of straight sections of road suitable for overtaking and steep gradients, long lines of traffic develop behind trucks, camper-vans and other slow moving vehicles. This creates dangerous driving conditions on the road and significant traffic delays. When combined with the opening bridge at Dunalley, this road is an impediment to smooth traffic flow and a safety hazard.

A significant commitment is required to upgrade this key piece of infrastructure.

As noted below, a major key to economic development is enabling opportunities for all regions and increasing visitation duration. The Tasman Peninsula has traditionally been a day trip for many visitors. Whilst this is now beginning to change, an improved road network is necessary to maximise opportunities. The last major upgrade to the Nubeena-Taranna section of this road was carried out in the mid-1970s.

**2. Wielangta Road**

Efforts have been made to seal parts of the road. However, it is quite dangerous and is extremely unsuitable for tourism traffic. This road needs to be urgently rebuilt and sealed for its entire length.

If you consider that across the nation, interconnections between regions is a key driver of economic development, this section of road has the potential to improve traffic flow around the State and assist the various Tasmanian tourism regions to promote their offerings.

It is critical that we make it as easy as possible to plan out a journey, often within quite tight timeframes. To minimise the crossover of the various visitor routes, we will increase the ability for our local economy to benefit from intrastate, interstate and overseas visitation. New Zealand is a master at this and they have trips of varying lengths to suit almost every visitor's available time.

### **3. Lack of Social/Public Housing**

The lack of affordable housing has been a concern for quite some time. It is apparent that it has also contributed to problems recruiting suitably skilled workers of the Tasman region. Housing is very scarce and it is restricting the ability of people to move to the area for work.

Government investment to provide additional housing and to stimulate growth is a very real opportunity.

### **4. Town centre and infrastructure development**

Across the Peninsula, the growth of town centres has largely been organic, with a lack of cohesive planning. We are aware that the Tasman Council has developed structure plans for the Peninsula and we believe State Government support for them, with strategic investments in infrastructure, will greatly assist regional economic development. Private investment can then be made with increased confidence and in line with regional competitive advantage.

An assessment of the economic benefits that will be derived from access to sewerage, water and reliable electricity supplies needs to be undertaken. As the Peninsula is on a single direction power line, power failures during extreme weather events and fires is a major impediment to successful economic development. The lack of sewage and town water supplies is a major inhibitor of growth. It creates urban sprawl and poor planning outcomes.

### **5. Technical and vocational education**

There is currently minimal training available on the Tasman Peninsula, for local residents. Greater use of facilities within the area - including at the Tasman School - could be achieved and contribute to driving economic outcomes. The use of video conferencing would be a vital part of the solution and provide cost effective outcomes. Broadband capacity is essential to ensure success of this learning infrastructure and may require state government investment. However, with the rapidly increasing move toward the provision of on-line services within both private enterprise and government, improved access to high-speed internet and addressing the problems of the digital divide will be well served by further investment in this infrastructure at a local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission. We will be pleased to discuss further and invite you to contact us via email or our mobile number above.

Yours sincerely,  
Mark Etheridge  
Chairman  
Tasman Business and Tourism Association

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**From:** Ferguson, Minister <Minister.Ferguson@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 October 2020 2:51 PM  
**To:** secretariat  
**Subject:** MIN20/25305 : SMALL BUSINESS HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS - s 36 - Tasman Business and Tourism Association - Submission to Seminar  
**Attachments:** SMALL BUSINESS HOSPITALITY AND EVENTS - s 36 - Tasman Business and Tourism Association - Submission to Seminar.PDF

Good Afternoon

Can I please request a PR to points one and two in attached.

Due date 12.10.2020

Thanks

s 36

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Mr Robert Young  
By Email: **S 36**

15 SEP 2020

Dear Mr Young

Thank you for your email dated 24 June 2020, following up on my response to you about upgrades to Wielangta Road.

Tasmania PWS is the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service. I apologise for not expanding it in the first instance in my previous response.

Infrastructure development, building and construction will play a key role in our economic recovery across Tasmania, by injecting money into local communities, supporting existing employment, and creating new jobs.

In addition to the already significant capital program, the Tasmanian and Australian Governments have recently committed an additional \$74 million for roads and bridges safety upgrades and renewals over the next two years, bringing the total roads and bridges Capital Investment Program value to \$827 million between now and the end of 2021-22.

This is part of the Tasmanian Government's \$1.8 billion job-creating infrastructure investment which has an estimated construction value of \$3.1 billion.

With regard to your suggested improvements, it is important to note that roads across Tasmania are owned by a range of road managers, including the Tasmanian Government, local councils and government businesses and authorities. As Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, I have responsibility for the State road network, which is owned and managed by the Department of State Growth.

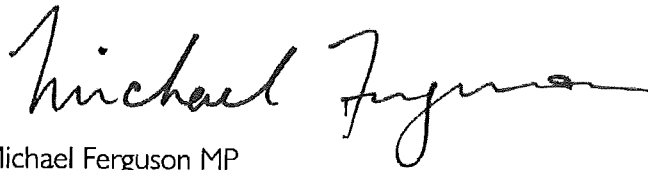
The State road network primarily consists of key passenger and freight transport routes that connect cities, major towns, rural catchments and key marine and air transport hubs.

The Department has advised me that while Wielangta Road has significance to the Parks and Wildlife Service for access to Wielangta Forest, and Glamorgan-Spring Bay and Sorell Councils for local access, it is not a State road.

I suggest that any future concerns regarding this issue be directed to Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council.

I trust this information clarifies the matter you have raised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Ferguson".

Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

P.S. Thanks for your good wishes  
and kind words.  
Much appreciated!

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**From:** Ferguson, Minister (DPaC) <Minister.Ferguson@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 August 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** secretariat  
**Subject:** MIN20/31833 : INFRA & TRANS - Rebecca White - Wielangta Road  
**Attachments:** INFRA & TRANS - Rebecca White - Wielangta Road.PDF

**Categories:**

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Good Morning

Can a response please be provided.

Due date 7/09/2020

Thanks

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Title : INFRA & TRANS - Rebecca White - Wielangta Road

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# Rebecca White MP

Labor Member for Lyons

The Hon Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Infrastructure  
Parliament House  
**HOBART TAS 7000**

Dear Minister

I have received representations from constituents living on the part of Wielangta Road in the Sorell municipality.

As you are aware, this road is a former forestry road and it has fallen into disrepair. Your Government offered this road to the two Councils that cover this road. Glamorgan Spring Bay Council took on responsibility for the section within their municipality but Sorell Council decided not to take responsibility for the part of the road that falls within their municipality. If you have travelled along this road you will notice the Glamorgan Spring Bay Council have upgraded their part of the road but the part in the Sorell Municipality has not been improved for a long time.

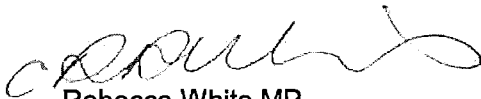
Parts of Wielangta Road in the Sorell municipality are now in a dangerous condition. In these areas the road is only passable by four wheel drive vehicles and I am informed even then it is extremely difficult to navigate. There is no mobile reception in the area and if any incident occurred help would only come from a passing vehicle.

If emergency assistance is required vehicles would also struggle to attend. The winter weather is also making the state of the road even worse. As well as this, during the dry months should a fire break out in this wooded area emergency vehicles would find it difficult to attend.

Tasmanians are being encouraged to travel around the State to boost the economy. Some satellite navigation systems still direct people to take this road that connects Copping to the Tasman Highway up the east coast. In the past tourists have become stuck on the road relying on residents to assist them.

I would be grateful if you could provide feedback on what will be done to maintain this part of Wielangta Road to ensure the safety of residents and tourists alike.

Kind regards



Rebecca White MP  
**TASMANIAN LABOR LEADER**  
**MEMBER FOR LYONS**

28 August 2020

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Hon Rebecca White MP  
Tasmanian Opposition Leader  
Member for Lyons  
By email: [rebecca.white@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:rebecca.white@parliament.tas.gov.au)

Dear Ms White

I refer to your letter of 28 August 2020 regarding concerns raised by your constituents about the maintenance of Wielangta Road in the Sorell Municipality.

As you are already aware, Wielangta Road is not part of the State road network, but is owned and managed by a combination of Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, Sustainable Timber Tasmania and Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council.

The Department of State Growth has advised me that that following the devastating floods in 2016, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service funded repairs to major bridges and was able to successfully negotiate with Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council to take over management of the section of road within that municipality. However, Parks and Wildlife Service was unable to negotiate a similar arrangement with Sorell Council, which insists that the road should be used for local access only.

The Department does not propose to assume ownership of any section of Wielangta Road.

To discuss maintenance or upgrades to the Sorell Municipality section of Wielangta Road, please contact Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and Sustainable Timber Tasmania for assistance.

I trust this information is of assistance to you in responding to your constituents' concerns.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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**From:** s 36  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 July 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** secretariat  
**Subject:** MIN20/15597 - Further response from Robert Young - Re: SIGNED response to Robert Young regarding roadworks after Covid 19 - Wielangta Road  
**Attachments:** Further response from Robert Young - Re SIGNED response to Robert Young regarding roadworks after Covid 19 - Wielangta Road.MSG; SIGNED response to Robert Young regarding roadworks after Covid 19 - Wielangta Road.PDF  
**Categories:** s 36

Good Afternoon

Can a response please be provided to the response that we received back from Mr Young.

Due date 24.07.2020

Thanks

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Title : SIGNED response to Robert Young regarding roadworks after Covid 19 - Wielangta Road

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**From:** Robert young s 36  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 June 2020 8:43 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, Minister (DPaC)  
**Subject:** Re: SIGNED response to Robert Young regarding roadworks after Covid 19 - Wielangta Road

Dear Minister

Thankyou for your reply.

Like most Tasmanian residents, I do not know what " Tasmania PWS" in your letter, means.

Never the less, in order to attempt prevent the likely full blown depression and business collapse on the Tasmania east coast, Should the State Government, whether it owns the Wielangta Road or not, ought to seal the section between Copping and Orford, to benefit all residents?

Not only will it create employment on the east and southeast areas, it will encourage traffic in the areas, with the chance that productive primary businesses such as vineyards, Triabunna factories, tourist venues, and those reliant upon them, from bankruptcy.

Should Sorell Council local politics, be overruled, in the interest of the whole of the State?

Keep up the good work our State is doing.

Robert Young

s 36

Sent from my iPad

On 23 Jun 2020, at 11:42 am, Ferguson, Minister (DPaC) <Minister.Ferguson@dpac.tas.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Mr Young

On behalf of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Hon Michael Ferguson MP, please find attached a response to your correspondence.

Kind regards

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Office of the Hon Michael Ferguson MP

Minister for Finance

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Minister for State Growth Minister for Science and Technology Leader of the House Liberal Member for Bass Level 5, Salamanca Building, Parliament Square  
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23 JUN 2020

Mr Robert Young  
By Email: **s 36**

Dear Mr Young

Thank you for your email dated 24 April 2020 regarding the maintenance of Wielangta Road. In particular, I was appreciative of your gracious comments about the Government's handling of this extraordinary pandemic. We have worked at all times to keep Tasmanians safe, and to do our level best to protect and support our businesses and the Jobs of Tasmanians.

In relation to your suggestion to seal Wielangta Road. The Department has advised me that Wielangta Road is not part of the State Road network, but is owned and managed by a combination of Tasmania PWS and Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council.

Following the devastating floods in 2016, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service funded repairs to major bridges and was able to successfully negotiate with Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council to take over management of the section of road within that municipality. However, the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service was unable to negotiate a similar arrangement with Sorell Council. If this were to change we would certainly entertain the suggestion again.

If there are any other good ideas for jobs and economic renewal you may have please do not hesitate to get in touch again.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Enc: Wielangta Road Ownership map.PDF



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**From:** Ferguson, Minister (DPaC) <Minister.Ferguson@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 April 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** secretariat  
**Subject:** MIN20/15597 : INFRA & TRANS - Robert Young - Roadworks after Covid 19  
**Attachments:** INFRA & TRANS - Robert Young - Roadworks after Covid 19.MSG

Good Morning

Can a response please be provided.

Due 12.05.2020

Thanks

**s 36**

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**From:** Ferguson, Michael (DPaC)  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 April 2020 9:44 AM  
**To:** Ferguson, Minister (DPaC)  
**Subject:** FW: Virus coming out of the lockdown

**Categories:** s 36

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to the Hon Michael Ferguson MP

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Robert young s 36  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 April 2020 9:40 AM  
**To:** s 36  
**Subject:** Virus coming out of the lockdown

Dear Mr Ferguson

When we come out of the lockdown many businesses will have little likelihood of recovering, especially those based upon tourism.

You may decide that a selected program of public works that will assist in maintaining our living standards, and that will have a long term benefit to all of us.

The lower east coast is an area of considerable disadvantage, especially after the closure of the wood chip mill at Triabunna.

If the Wielangta road leading from Orford to the Copping, Kellevie area was upgraded and sealed, it may give employment to many young east coasters, And give easy access to tourists that come to Tasmania from Port Arthur to the east coast vineyards, cafes and restaurants.

The road may actually give them hope of remaining viable after the wage subsidy ceases.

The up graded road may mean that some tourists will not go through Sorell on the way down to the convict settlement areas at Port Arthur, and through Sorell on the way back.

But it will keep industry alive,

It will take some of the traffic load from the Tasman highway, especially leading into Orford, (a road has been Quite frequently closed because of land slides and flooding), a road that is narrow and probably costly to maintain.

The Liberal Government is doing a good job.  
Keep up the good work,

Robert Young



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23 MAR 2020

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Bream Creek Dairy

By email: s 36

Dear s 36

I refer to your letter of 24 February 2020 to the Member for Prosser, Hon Jane Howlett MLC, regarding Wielangta Road. As the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, I am responding to you on behalf of the Tasmanian Government.

The Department of State Growth has advised that Wielangta Road is owned and managed by a combination of Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council.

I am further advised that following the devastating floods in 2016, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service funded repairs to major bridges and was able to successfully negotiate with Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council to take over management of the section of road within that municipality. However, the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service was unable to negotiate a similar arrangement with Sorell Council, which insists that the road should be for local access only.

The Department does not propose to assume ownership of any section of Wielangta Road.

Please refer to the map attached detailing the ownership of Wielangta Road. Depending on the section of road to which you refer, I suggest contacting Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service or Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council for assistance.

I trust this clarifies the matter you have raised.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Ferguson".

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 Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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**From:** Ferguson, Minister (DPaC) <Minister.Ferguson@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 25 February 2020 10:26 AM  
**To:** secretariat  
**Subject:** MIN20/5694/1 : Letter to Jane Howlett MLC from s 36  
**Attachments:** Letter to Jane Howlett MLC from s 36 PDF

Good Morning

Can a response please be provided - letter needs to reference and cc Jane Howlett.

Due date 03.03.2020

Thanks

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The Honourable Jane Howlett, MLC  
Member for Prosser  
1/31 Cole St  
Sorell

24<sup>th</sup> of February 2020

Dear Jane,

We write to express our concern and our views regarding the Wielangta Road between Kellevie and Orford.

We would like to extend our family business into the East Coast, delivering milk and cheese from our farm at Bream Creek to Orford, Triabunna and potentially further north. However, the state of the Wielangta Road is such that we would be unable to drive our truck though without significant risk, and vehicle wear and tear that would negate the benefits of expanding our business up the coast.

As you know, we have been dairy farmers in Bream Creek for almost sixty years, proudly producing high quality milk and growing our business from a twelve-cow farm to the 800-head enterprise we operate today. We wish to build on that growth but are hampered by the neglect of the Wielangta road.

It seems counterintuitive to waste the recent significant investment made by the Government to upgrade the bridges on the road, as well as the considerable rhetoric regarding its potential as a tourist route. Since that upgrade, the Southern end of the road has degraded badly, making it almost impossible to even reach the newly developed bridges.

We are not necessarily asking for the road to be sealed, but it is in the interests of us and no doubt other small businesses in the greater Sorell district for there to be significant works undertaken that will ensure the safety of drivers in all vehicles.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts. With best regards,

**s 36**



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24 JAN 2020

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By email: s 36

Dear s 36

Thank you for your email of 15 December 2019 regarding the condition of Wielangta Road.

The Department of State Growth has advised that Wielangta Road is managed by a combination of Sorell Council, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, and Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council.

I am further advised that following the devastating floods in 2016, Parks and Wildlife Service funded repairs to major bridges and was able to successfully negotiate with Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council to take over management of the section of road within that municipality. However, the Parks and Wildlife Service was unable to negotiate a similar arrangement with Sorell Council, which holds that the road should be for local access only.

Depending on section of road to which you refer your query is best referred to Sorell Council, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service, and Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council

I trust this information clarifies the matter you have raised.

Yours sincerely

Michael Ferguson MP  
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

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**From:** Ferguson, Minister (DPaC) <Minister.Ferguson@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 December 2019 2:03 PM  
**To:** secretariat  
**Subject:** MIN19/34062 : INFRA & TRANS - s 36 letter re Wielangta Road  
**Attachments:** INFRA & TRANS - s 36 letter re Wielangta Road.MSG

Good Afternoon

Can a prepared response please be provided

Due date: 30.12.19

Thanks

s 36

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The Honourable Michael Ferguson MP

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15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Mr Ferguson

I write in relation to the Wielangta Road. For some years now this road has been promoted on various websites, including government, as an ideal alternative for tourists as a link between the East Coast and the Tasman Peninsula. Premier Will Hodgman described it at one point as an important extension to the newly badged Great Eastern Drive. By spending over 2 million dollars on bridge replacements in recent

years, I would expect that the government would want to capitalise on that investment. To promote the road in its present condition is negligent.

As a regular user of that road for 30 years, I feel well qualified to say that I have never seen so many vehicles on it as there are currently. The majority of users are tourists, no doubt lured onto the road by the glowing descriptions used on the internet. In many cases the caravans, camper trailers, boats and international drivers are not suited or prepared for the 1.5 metre wide, 25 cm deep potholes, nor the sections of the road which are rutted or down to road base. It is not uncommon for cars to be on the wrong side of the road on blind bends in an attempt to avoid massive potholes or overgrown roadside vegetation. Having recently been involved in what could have easily been a fatal accident, I have grave concerns for a more disastrous outcome in the future with the inevitable increase in traffic.

I understand there is a stand-off between the Sorell Council and the State Government over who will take responsibility for the road. I would suggest while both these parties are failing to take action, lives are at risk. With the peak tourist season upon us I implore the Government to do something about this small but important road.

I remind you of the promises that have been made over the last few years regarding the Wielangta Road. See below:

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**The Mercury Newspaper: November 10, 2016**

**Iconic East Coast drive set for major upgrade**

MATT SMITH, State Political Editor, Mercury

Premier Will Hodgman said Wielangta Rd had the potential to be developed into an iconic destination for visitors. "That's why the Government is investing in upgrades and working with local councils to **ensure ongoing management and maintenance of the road,**" Mr Hodgman said.

"An upgraded Wielangta Rd will complement the investment we have made in developing the Great Eastern Drive and in supporting tourism and hospitality developments on the East Coast. **The Government is committed to upgrading Wielangta Rd.**"

**Tasmanian Government Website: 21 December 2016**

Mark Shelton, Liberal Member for Lyons

**Wielangta Road upgrades a boost for tourism**

..... Wielangta Road has become an **important tourism route for Tasmania** as it provides access to the Tasman Peninsula from the East Coast, and the new bridges are just the start of a series of upgrades that will ensure the road is **well equipped to handle the influx of tourists to the region.** .....

**Tasmanian Government Website: 30 July 2017**

Rene Hidding, Minister for Infrastructure

**Wielangta Road bridges complete**

I am pleased to announce the replacement of four bridges on Wielangta Road is now complete, signalling a major step forward in the overall upgrade of the road.

Wielangta Road is an attractive forest drive connecting Orford to Kelleve Road and the Arthur Highway, providing a **picturesque scenic drive into the tourism hotspots on the east coast**.....

It will give tourists a **safer and more reliable experience** when exploring the state's stunning natural areas as they play a vital role in our vision of attracting 1.5 million visitors to the state by 2020.....

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Please advise what plans the Government has to make the Wielangta Road “the safer and more reliable experience” that Rene Hidding maintained it would be in his press release on the 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

Kind regards

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