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Good afternoon Senator Shoebridge and Public Accountability Committee,

I am extremely disappointed at allegations made by Senator Mallard in relation to roundabouts constructed by Blue Mountains City Council with state government funding. The statement that the roundabout installed on the corner of Prince George and Wentworth Streets, Blackheath, is 'sub-standard' is categorically incorrect. I attended the location with the Manager Infrastructure this morning to have a look for myself. The roundabout is a single lane roundabout at a notorious problem area for traffic coming from and going toward the highway.

Please note the following:

- Construction for these works commenced only two weeks ago on Monday the 12th of April. The bulk of the works were completed within 5 days, so that the works would be finished during the school holidays and minimise disruption. The last week has involved minor finishing works.
- As per standard practices, the permanent line-marking is scheduled to take place within the next two weeks. This is to allow enough time for the new concrete to fully cure before any paint is applied to the surface.
- The site has all the appropriate signage installed and has temporary line-marking in place until the final line-marking is installed.
- The construction team has also placed temporary bollards and temporary LED lights at the each approach to the intersection. This is to ensure that until all the works are complete including the line-marking, the new traffic facility is highlighted for drivers.
- Pictures below show the roundabout and the fact that it is not substandard.
- The roundabout was designed by a company called Shire Civil Design, who have extensive experience in the design of roundabouts.
- The designers have also supplied a Design Compliance Certificate stating that all the works have been designed in accordance with the appropriate Australian Standards and Austroad Guidelines.

I query what it is that Senator Mallard believes is sub-standard. Qualified engineers have certified the standard of the works completed to date.

I hope that this is not yet another example of the City of Blue Mountains being targeted unjustly for political purposes.

Having now provided this information I would hope that it is tabled in the inquiry, given that Senator Mallard publicly cast dispersions on Blue Mountains City Council's expenditure of grant funding and on the contractors who designed and built the roundabout.

Regards,

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