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Progress to improve the management of the State Road network has been hindered by funding gaps

This follow up assessed the degree to which the Department of State Growth implemented the recommendations made in the *Report of the Auditor-General No. 6 of 2020-21: Management of the State Road network*.

The Tasmanian Auditor-General, Mr Martin Thompson, said, 'we conduct follow-up audits to inform Parliament the extent to which the recommendations from previous audits have been implemented.'

While substantial progress has been made in relation to the recommendations, none of the 5 recommendations have been implemented in full.

Mr Thompson noted the good work undertaken by the Department of State Growth to support the management of the State Road network (the Network), including the development of a new asset management system, better understanding of customer needs, and improved risk management.

However, we also found 'the budget for renewal and maintenance of the Network has not increased at the same rate as the costs for these activities. This funding gap has led to intervention not occurring at an optimal point in time, which has in turn contributed to the costs to maintain the Network doubling between 2022-23 and 2024-25.'

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