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Mr Craig Garland MP
Member for Braddon

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Dear Mr Garland

In Parliament on 11 August 2026, you asked the following question on behalf of your constituent:

Mr Dennis Turner of Wynyard asks: During phase 2 of the consultation on the proposed Primary Produce Safety (Horticulture Produce) Regulations 2026, members of the public were invited to lodge submissions before the government announced that the consultation process would be discontinued. How many phase 2 submissions had been received by the department at the time the consultation was halted? Will the government publish those submissions, subject to any necessary privacy redactions, so that the Tasmanian community can understand the overall feedback received? And if not, why not?

Firstly, thank you for the question on behalf of your constituent. Tasmania has a strong community food sharing culture and particularly in our rural and regional communities, backyard growing is a way of life and this is why our government is committed to safeguarding producer's livelihoods and ensuring that Tasmania's reputation of having world-class produce is not impacted.

The Phase 2 Consultation Phase for the draft Primary Produce Safety (Horticulture Produce Regulations 2026) opened on 18 June 2026 and closed on 30 July 2026 as was originally intended.

I am advised that the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) received approximately 1,840 submissions. I am also advised that NRE Tas is awaiting a further submission where an extension was requested.

As with the Phase 1 public consultation, all submissions received from Phase 2 public consultation will be reviewed and published later this year. The key themes, concerns and feedback received from Phase 2 will also be presented in a Consultation Summary Report.

The final regulations will clearly distinguish between large commercial operations and community - scale activity, with a simple objective to protect food safety while protecting Tasmania's local food culture.

Thank you again for raising this matter on behalf of your constituents.

Yours sincerely

Hon Gavin Pearce MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Water