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Ms Tabatha Badger Member for Bass Via Clerk of the House

Dear Ms Badger

I write on behalf of the Tasmanian Government in response to your question regarding supporting businesses in Westerway and Maydena as key stakeholders that rely on the tourism industry.

I acknowledge the important role that the Mt Field National Park has within this region and supporting these surrounding businesses.

As you would be aware, it is the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA) Management Plan that guides all development in the TWWHA and is the approved statutory planning instrument for important and much-loved destinations, including the Mt Field National Park.

The TWWHA Management Plan identified the need to develop a Tourism Master Plan (TMP), to guide future planning for tourism initiatives as a strategic framework for this important landscape.

Importantly, the TMP was delivered in May 2021 following an extensive consultation process with not only key stakeholders, but a full, open, public consultation process.

The TMP identified several priority initiatives at Mt Field along with further consideration for other areas within the park. In recognition of these priorities, the need to carefully manage impacts to the park and to support the broader region, we are progressing with appropriate management actions and investment now. Deliverables will be in keeping with both the TWWHA Management Plan and the TMP.

Thank you for your question and your interest in supporting investment for the tourism industry in Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC

Minister for Parks and Environment