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Mr Marcus Vermey MP
Liberal Member for Clark

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Dear Mr Vermey

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 7th May 2026 on behalf of the Northern Tasmanian Alpine Ski Club in relation to the future of Ben Lomond and what the Government is doing to ensure a quality visitor experience for visitors year-round.

As you have acknowledged Ben Lomond is an important Tasmanian destination for those seeking winter recreational pursuits. It also provides potential to be an emerging location for activities year-round.

I am pleased to confirm the Tasmanian Government is investing significantly in Ben Lomond, providing \$2.8 million to support the destination as an important recreational and tourism asset for our State. The Government's commitment is supporting the preparation of a contemporary management plan and improvements to infrastructure that can support Ben Lomond's future.

Priority infrastructure works being progressed include the replacement and improvement of the Watch Tower (Jacobs Ladder) Lookout. Site preparation began on 13 April, 2026 and construction is expected to be completed in Spring 2026. The closure of the site during preparation and construction is essential for the safety of workers and the general public.

Construction of the replacement walkway between the public shelter and village was completed in June 2025 along with the Ben Lomond Road five-year cyclic maintenance program which included Jacob's Ladder, were funded through the Sustainable Renewal and Maintenance of Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) Critical Roads program at a cost of \$320,000.

The timing of further infrastructure priorities, including upgrades to the Summit Walking Track and removal of old infrastructure across the summit area, will be confirmed once

the Management Plan process has been completed, and in consultation with the Ben Lomond community.

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of the Ben Lomond Volunteer Ski Patrol on the mountain, whose important work we continue to support through \$80,000 in funding across the last two winter seasons.

Comprehensive stakeholder and community engagement is being undertaken during these projects and we look forward to ongoing interest in this important natural asset.

Once again thank you for your raising this important matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks and Heritage