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Mr Rob Fairs MP  
Parliamentary Secretary for Youth Engagement and Member for Bass  
Sent via Clerk of the House of Assembly to: [laura.ross@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:laura.ross@parliament.tas.gov.au)

Dear Mr Fairs

I write in response to your constituent question on 4 March 2025 in relation to what additional infrastructure projects are planned for Ben Lomond National Park and when works are expected to occur on improvements to Jacobs Ladder Road.

Ben Lomond is an important Tasmanian destination for those seeking winter recreational pursuits. It also provides potential to be an emerging location for summer and year-round activities which is why we are investing \$2.8 million to support year-round recreational and tourism opportunities.

A new public shelter was delivered in June 2023. Following that, works have now commenced on the replacement of the Jacobs Ladder lookout and a walkway between the shelter and the snow sports building.

Further infrastructure priorities include upgrades to the popular summit walking track and removal of old infrastructure across the summit area. There will be additional priority works undertaken once the new management plan for the National Park has been completed and these will be identified in consultation with the Ben Lomond community.

Roadworks are undertaken at Ben Lomond National Park each year and typically occur in March when conditions are suitable. These works normally include the grading of affected sections of Jacobs Ladder Road and reshaping where required. This year, the annual road works will have additional scope in accordance with the five-year cyclic maintenance program on the road, and will include gravel, grading and reshaping works on the road from the shuttle bus car park all the way up to the ski village.

This program of work will also include engineering assessments of Jacobs Ladder along with rock wall clearing and further rock fall mitigation, following the rockfall incident from earlier this year.

It is expected these works will commence in late March and be completed by mid-May 2025. Access to the National Park will not be restricted during this time.

Thank you for raising this important issue on behalf of your constituent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Duigan".

Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
**Minister for Parks**