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Dear Mr Shelton

In Parliament on 28 May 2026, you asked the following question on behalf of your constituents:

I regularly hear from people in my electorate about the importance of sustainable land management and the valuable role that community groups such as LandCare play in supporting local communities and farmers. Can you provide an update on how the Government is supporting community-based natural resource management initiatives across Tasmania that contribute to the long-term resilience of agriculture?

Firstly, thank you for the question on behalf of your constituents.

Tasmania's environment is one of our greatest competitive advantages and protecting our land, waterways and natural assets is essential to supporting strong regional communities, sustainable agriculture and long-term economic growth. The Tasmanian Government continues to make significant investments in natural resource management across the State.

Tasmania is fortunate to have three highly effective regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) organisations working collaboratively with government, industry, landholders and community groups to deliver practical, on-ground environmental outcomes. They play a critical role in supporting both Tasmanian and Australian Government natural resource management priorities. Building on the Government's previous investments, the 2026-27 State Budget delivers an additional \$2.3 million for Tasmania's NRM bodies.

Tasmania's NRMs are delivering important regional programs and projects that progress state priorities in areas such as water, vegetation and soil management, threatened species protection, weed and pest management, and coastal and marine environment protection. This includes work to safeguard Bruny Island's unique biodiversity and threatened ecological communities, support recovery efforts for the critically endangered Orange-bellied Parrot and improve scientific understanding of species such as the Ammonite Snail.

Our investment in natural resource management is complemented by strong support for community-led initiatives such as Landcare Tasmania. Recognising one of Tasmania's great volunteering success stories, this Government has committed more than \$1.865 million over three years to support Landcare Tasmania's programs and initiatives.

The Landcare Action Grants program continues to deliver real on-ground outcomes across Tasmania by improving landscape and river health, supporting enhanced land management practices, reducing erosion and sedimentation, and assisting communities to better manage productive land and waterways. I recently announced the Round Six grant recipients, with \$340,000 being made available to support 23 successful projects across the State.

This Government understands that strong environmental stewardship and strong agricultural productivity go hand in hand and we will continue investing in practical, science-based and community-driven natural resource management initiatives that protect Tasmania's unique environment while supporting jobs, regional communities and our world class agricultural sector.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Pearce', written over a faint, light blue watermark of a signature.

Hon Gavin Pearce MP
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