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Janie Finlay MP  
Member for Bass  
via Clerk of the House of Assembly  
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Dear Ms Finlay

I write in relation to a question raised in Parliament on 27 May 2026 on behalf of your constituents regarding parking and access at the Northern Suburbs Community Recreation Hub.

Since the opening of Stage 2 in late March 2026, the facility has experienced strong community uptake. While this is a positive reflection of the Hub's value to the Northern Suburbs, it has also resulted in higher-than-anticipated demand for parking during peak periods.

The Hub currently provides 99 on-site car parking spaces, including four accessible (DDA-compliant) bays and six electric vehicle charging spaces. I am advised this level of provision is compliant with the Tasmanian Planning Scheme requirements for a "Major Sporting Facility," which specifies one parking space per five seats.

Importantly, the facility was not designed on the basis that all parking demand would be met on-site. The planning approach assumed a combination of access options, including surrounding street parking, kiss-and-drop arrangements, public transport, and active transport.

I am aware the Hub is well served in this regard, with a Metro bus stop located approximately 50 metres from the entrance and frequent "turn up and go" services operating at approximately ten-minute intervals. A dedicated bike lane along Invermay Road also supports safe active transport access.

Notwithstanding this, the Government acknowledges peak period demand is placing pressure on local parking and traffic conditions. The Department of State Growth is actively working with key stakeholders, including the PCYC and local authorities, to investigate a range of short, medium, and long-term options to improve access, manage traffic flow, and address overflow parking.

I am pleased to confirm the neighbouring school has agreed to make its car park available to Hub users from 5:00pm on weekdays and on weekends, providing an additional 35 parking spaces. The Department of State Growth has also advised me further short-term options are being progressed to increase parking capacity in the near term.

In addition, work is continuing on a range of longer-term solutions to deliver further increases in available parking.

In relation to the further investment in additional courts, this reflects the strong demand for the facility and the Government's ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality community sporting infrastructure. Any future stages will be informed by operational learnings to ensure access, safety, and user experience continue to improve.

The Government remains committed to working constructively with the community to ensure the Hub operates safely and effectively, and that any issues identified are addressed as part of its ongoing development.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
**Minister for Sport**