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Hon Roger Jaensch MP
Liberal Member for Braddon
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Jaensch

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 14 April 2026 on behalf of your constituents regarding Tasmania's Next Iconic Walk and the benefits in store for local businesses.

The announcement by the Australian Government earlier this month that the project does not require assessment and approval under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act has been completed by Tasmania's Public Works Committee also endorsing the project. These decisions are great milestones for the proposed 31-kilometre Tyndall Ranges walking track which includes overnight accommodation, day shelters and associated infrastructure.

The Tasmanian Government referred the project to the Commonwealth to ensure it is suitable given the location's proximity to the globally significant Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The Commonwealth decision affirms the planning, consultation, science and design inputs that mitigate impacts to Matters of National Environmental Significance. The Public Works Committee approval, meanwhile, proves the project is well considered, fiscally responsible and a good use of public funds.

The walk will be an exciting new experience for Tasmanians and walkers from across the globe. Multi-day walks embody Tasmania's unique brand. They help to drive our tourism economy, provide jobs for Tasmanians and deliver economic benefits to other industries as visitors travel around our State. This is why we continue to invest in projects like this because we are looking to generations ahead.

Importantly, the walk will deliver lasting benefits to the West Coast economy, opening more tourism, hospitality and business opportunities. A positive benefit cost ratio of 12.71 is expected for the West Coast. The Next Iconic Walk is estimated to create 139 jobs during construction and 40 ongoing jobs.

Following the latest approvals and endorsements, we can move forward with finalising approvals including the Development Application process with the West Coast Council. The walk is on track for completion in 2029 and our government is looking forward to the significant opportunities for regional Tasmania in particular.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
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