

Woolmers Estate – UNESCO World Heritage Site – State Funding

Mr Di FALCO question to MINISTER for ARTS and HERITAGE

I raise urgent concern with Woolmers Estate, a UNESCO World Heritage listed Australian Convict site in the electorate of Lyons. Unlike others, Woolmers is not government-owned and yet both state and federal government are obliged under UNESCO to protect it. The Tasmanian government's claim of funding \$470,000 since January 2024 was misleading. Most was for capital works, with only \$160,000 for emergency operations. This long-term funding gap cannot be fixed with one-off grants. The federal government has committed \$200,000 annually expecting a matching contribution from the state. Without this, Woolmers faces closure, threatening the integrity of the entire World Heritage listing. Will the Tasmanian government now fulfil its

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