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Tabatha Badger
Member for Lyons
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Ms Badger

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I am writing in response to a question you raised in Parliament on 9 September 2025 on behalf of your constituents in St Helens regarding a Peron Dunes buggy event.

I am advised the Tasmanian Off-Road Car Club has been holding events at Peron Dunes in St Helens since 1972, which precedes the establishment of the site as a Conservation Area in 2011.

I am aware that on 4 March this year the Director of National Parks and Wildlife approved the issuing of a new Agreement for three events per year, for a five-year period to 2029, noting:

- Clause 2.4 of the Agreement provides that in the event the Licensor determines there are environmental concerns which would prevent the Licenced Area being used on a licence date detailed through the Agreement, then the Licensee will not be permitted to use the area for that event;
- The Agreement also contains a number of additional conditions to mitigate any potential impacts on the values of the area. This includes a Shorebird Exclusion Zone where vehicles must be excluded at all times as well as a requirement that participants remain in the designated course and within the designated vehicle area at all times;
- The Parks and Wildlife Service is currently undertaking a Reserve Activity Assessment to assess potential impacts of the activity including the timing of the November event.

In addition to these conditions, I understand the club has committed to using positive messaging and social media to dissuade irresponsible vehicle uses by locals and will also have improved security around the event, with assistance from local rangers. I also understand the club has formed a volunteer group to do ecological restoration and cleanup works in the St Helens Conservation Area.

Thank you for raising this issue with me. I trust the information provided is helpful to your constituents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Nick Duigan".

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks