

## Regional Tourism Loan Scheme

### **Mr WOOD question to MINISTER for TOURISM and HOSPITALITY**

As you are aware, there are many local business owners in my electorate of Bass and across Tasmania who are struggling with the winter downturn that affects tourist numbers to our state, particularly in our winter months. We know there is a need to promote regional dispersal and stimulate tourism activity in regional Tasmania. The Tasmanian Liberal Government has committed to delivering a \$50 million regional tourism loan scheme. This scheme will provide low-interest loans for businesses to invest in new projects that will stimulate their local visitor economy. I note that you have also committed to opening the scheme in the first 100 days. On behalf of my electorate, I ask, can you provide an update on the status of this initiative and when will Tasmanians be able to access the support?