

Mount Field - Community Consultation on Visitation

Ms BADGER question to MINISTER for PARKS and ENVIRONMENT

My question is from business owners in Westerway and Maydena. There is no dispute that Mount Field requires a funding increase to keep up with growing visitation. At face value, the budget allocation to make Mount Field National Park a year-round destination is welcome, but where was the community consultation on the plan or strategy that guided this funding? Many businesses in our region are tourism dependent. The future direction of Mount Field will also shape the future of our businesses.

In 2021, the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Tourism Plan cited the need to prioritise a Mount Field and Styx Tall Trees Area master plan to deal with balancing visitor infrastructure and the protection of the environmental qualities that people travel from around the world to see. Can you please provide a progress update on the draft Mount Field master plan or whichever strategic document is guiding the Budget expenditure, and can you inform the community how they can have input into this critical piece of work?