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Dear Mr Fairs

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 11 June 2024 in Parliament regarding the Tasmanian Liberal Government's commitment to provide Bridport with a recreational pier.

As you would be aware, the proposal to build a pier was a 2021 election commitment resulting from recommendations contained in the Bridport Foreshore Master Plan. The work conducted as part of this Plan determined that a pier would be beneficial to Bridport, delivering economic stimulus through tourism as well as providing amenity to recreational fishermen, boaters and residents.

A concept plan for the delivery of the 126 metre public jetty has been developed by Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) with an estimated cost of \$4 million. Four prospective sites have been identified:

- adjacent to the old Pier at Pier Point
- south of the Pier Point Boat Ramp
- at the Southern end of Croquet Lawn Beach
- on Goftons Beach near the Surf Life Saving Club

MAST has recently completed community consultation on these potential sites. This consultation involved meetings with key stakeholders, a public drop-in session and an online/paper survey with over 400 submissions received. The survey data and comments have been analysed and discussions will now take place with Dorset Council to understand the land-based considerations, statutory planning requirements, property ownership, access and infrastructure requirements. Engineering advice on site specific conditions such as bathymetry, coastal processes and wave height will also be considered.

Once the final location has been determined based on the above factors, the public will be provided with a further opportunity to comment during the planning approval process. At this stage, MAST anticipates lodging an application for planning approval in late 2024.

Thank you for raising this matter. I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely *Eric Abetz*

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