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Ms Cecily Rosol  
Member for Bass  
Via Clerk of the House  
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Dear Ms Rosol

I write in response to your question on behalf of your constituent in relation to the St Patricks River Reserve.

I have sought advice from the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania (NRE Tas) in order to respond to your question.

What is known by the local community as “*St Patricks River Reserve*” is actually a series of unnamed parcels of Crown Land and is not reserved under the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* nor is it a Public Reserve under the *Crown Lands Act 1976*.

The Crown Land is part of the Department of State Growth road corridor as a remnant of the Tasman Highway following a realignment of the bridge in the 1950s and is subject to flooding and at times, anti-social behaviour, such as littering and hooning.

The Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) has had discussions and site visits in the area over many years with members of the local community, including Mr Von Steiglitz, President of St River District (Tas) Inc. Most recently, PWS met with Mr Steiglitz onsite, in March 2024 where he advised he wished to clean up an area with a 5-tonne excavator with the aim of creating a picnic and day use area.

In June 2024, a new application was received from Mr Von Steiglitz on behalf of the community for St Patricks River District. Mr Von Steiglitz has received advice from PWS by email and telephone that his application has been received and is now being assessed. I encourage Mr Von Steiglitz to continue to work with PWS in relation to his application.

Thank you for your question and your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
Minister for Parks and Environment