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Michael Ferguson
Member for Bass
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Ferguson

I am writing in response to a question raised in Parliament on 11 September 2025 on behalf of your constituents in relation to additional courts being developed at the Northern Suburbs Recreational Hub.

I'm always happy to provide information about the benefits this development will bring to the sporting community in Northern Tasmania.

As you are aware, the initial scope of the project included four multipurpose courts and three netball courts. I am pleased that we have recently announced an expansion to include an additional four multipurpose courts. This is being funded by repurposing some of the \$21.5 million election commitment originally allocated to the Elphin Sports Centre.

It became clear the proposed Elphin project could not be delivered within the available funding and would have required extended closures of the centre and reduced parking spaces. Redirecting \$18.8 million of this funding allows us to deliver four new multipurpose courts at the Northern Rec Hub, while still enabling important upgrades at Elphin—particularly to improve accessibility.

Importantly, this new work will not affect the current project, which is now approximately 70% complete. The additional courts will significantly increase capacity and availability for a range of sporting codes, delivering greater access for more users. I am sure you agree this is a game changing infrastructure project for Launceston and in particular the northern suburbs. I look forward to the initial development opening early next year ahead of work commencing on the additional indoor courts.

Once again thank you for your interest and ongoing support of this important project.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks