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Tabatha Badger MP
Member for Lyons
via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Ms Badger

I am writing in response to a question you raised in Parliament on 11 November 2025 on behalf of your constituents in St Helens regarding the timing of the Peron Dunes buggy event.

As you are aware the Tasmanian Off-Road Car Club has been holding a November event at Peron Dunes since 1972, which precedes the establishment of the site as a Conservation Area in 2011.

Furthermore, I understand the club has formed a volunteer group to do ecological restoration and cleanup works in the St Helens Conservation Area as part of the event management.

As for the licence to operate the event, in March this year the Director of National Parks and Wildlife approved the issuing of a new Agreement for three events per year, for a five-year period to 2029, noting

- Clause 2.4 of the Agreement provides that in the event the Licensor determines there are environmental concerns which would prevent the Licenced Area being used on a licence date detailed through the Agreement, then the Licensee will not be permitted to use the area for that event
- The Agreement also contains a number of additional conditions to mitigate any potential impacts on the values of the area. This includes a Shorebird Exclusion Zone where vehicles must be excluded at all times as well as a requirement that participants remain in the designated course and within the designated vehicle area at all times.

I trust the information provided is helpful to your constituents.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks