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Dear Mr Garland

Thank you for your Constituency Question seeking the number of permits issued under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* for developments in Tasmania between the high tide mark and one kilometre inland from the coast.

The State Coastal Policy is an important part of our resource management and planning framework, protecting our coast and providing for sustainable development. As an island state, it is clear that Tasmania has numerous developments on the coast which provide access, recreation, and help conserve areas of fragile environment. These range from boardwalks through dunes, fencing, lookouts, boat launching facilities and jetties. Our Government is committed to providing certainty and striving to balance sustainable and reasonable development in these areas which is proposed to be achieved via the Validation (State Coast Policy) Bill 2024.

Under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993*, local government councils act as planning authority within their relevant municipal areas, with responsibility for the assessment and issuing of planning approvals, permits and compliance.

The Tasmanian Government does not have access to the records for permits that are issued by local government councils as the planning authorities within their respective municipal areas. I recommend that you engage with the relevant local councils in relation to your request for information on the number of permits issued between the high tide mark and one kilometre inland from the coast.

Thank you again for your Constituency Question.

Yours sincerely

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Housing and Planning

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