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Mr Simon Behrakis
Member for Clark
Via Clerk of the House

Dear Mr Behrakis

I write in response to your constituent inquiry requesting a timeline for the completion of construction works underway at The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens (Gardens).

The Stage One visitor experience improvements to the historic tea rooms, commonly known as the visitor centre, will be completed during January 2025.

Stage Two works that include improvements to the main entry road, a new elevated pedestrian footpath, accessible crosswalk, new lighting, traffic wayfinding enhancements, disability and bicycle parking and landscaping are also due for completion during January 2025.

I note that Stage Two works were initially expected to be completed during February 2025, so it is incredibly pleasing to see this project progress ahead of schedule.

Stage 3 works for further improvements to the entrance of the Garden will be published for tender in January 2025, with the aim that construction will commence prior to Easter.

I know that you will agree with me, that these exciting developments are essential for enhancing the Gardens as a premier botanical, cultural and social destination for years to come.

Thank you for the question.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks