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Mr Vica Bailey
Member for Clark
Via Clerk of the House
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Dear Mr Bailey

I write in response to your question on behalf of your constituents in relation to the Salamanca Arts Centre (SAC) lift.

I have sought advice in relation to the report undertaken in 2021 and can advise that Access Solutions undertook an inspection of the SAC lift on Tuesday 22 December 2020 and subsequently provided a report dated 14 January 2021. The inspection followed water ingress into the lift shaft that impacted lift operations. The report determined there were no immediate safety impacts, but that work did need to be undertaken on the lift.

I am advised that a review undertaken by Parks and Wildlife Service Tasmania (PWS) shows there is no evidence that the works outlined in the 2021 report, except the works required to reinstate the lift to working order and ongoing regular maintenance, were undertaken.

Under the Comprehensive Maintenance Contract between SAC and Access Solutions, Access Solutions have continued to maintain the lift and ensure it is in working and safe order, through a 24-hour, 7 day a week monitoring service, regular quarterly servicing and routine examination and maintenance.

Last month, PWS engaged the Otis Elevator Company Pty Ltd (Otis) to undertake a review of the issues preventing the SAC lift's operation.

On 5 June 2024, Otis certified that the SAC lift is safe to operate, and all Safety Critical components have been checked and maintained in accordance with Australian Standards (AS1735.2), Acts, Legislation or Advisory Standards. The lift is now operational and access has been restored.

Thankyou for your question and your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks and Environment