

Minister for Energy and Renewables
Minister for Parks and Environment

Level 10, 15 Murray Street HOBART TAS 7000 Australia
GPO Box 123 HOBART TAS 7001 Australia
Ph: +61 3 6165 7739
Email: minister.duigan@dpac.tas.gov.au



23 October 2024

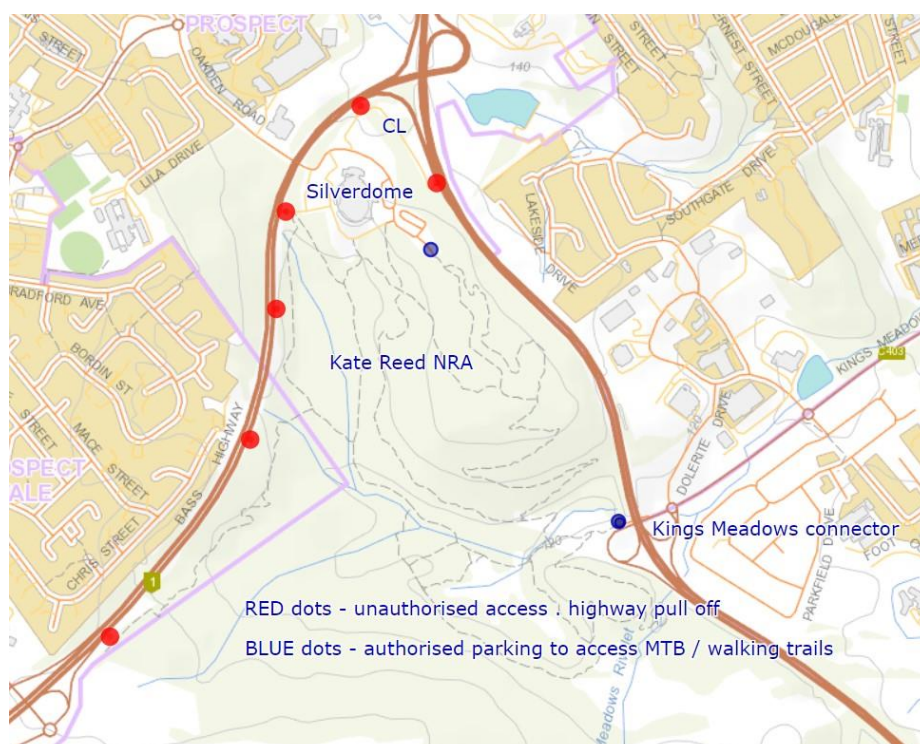
Ms Rebecca Pentland
Member for Bass
Via Clerk of the House

Dear Ms Pentland

I write in response to your constituent inquiry in relation to Kate Reed Nature Recreation Area (KRNRA).

Thank you for raising your concerns in relation to the public accessing the reserve through the Kings Meadows connector. I have asked the Department to urgently review the advice on the Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) website, that nominates three access entrances, one of which being the Kings Meadows connector.

There are two suitable entrance points to KRNRA that are recommended for public use, being through the Silverdome complex via Westbury Road towards Prospect, around the complex towards the top overflow carpark and at the Kings Meadows connector under the highway. The diagram below shows the authorised carparking locations (blue dots):



In relation to your request for upgrades to the area, the PWS has a long-standing relationship with the Launceston Mountain Bike Club (LMBC) through a memorandum of understanding. The LMBC undertake regular track management to support the sport more generally as well as recreational users. The LMBC are active within both KRNRA and Trevallyn Reserve managed by the PWS. PWS have also recently supported promotion of MTB trails through the installation of QR code signs in both Trevallyn and KRNRA to assist the public identify a range of MTB trail opportunities across Launceston.

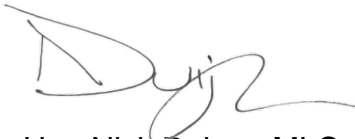
While I appreciate the request for further amenities at KRNRA, the vast reserve estate being over 800 reserves managed by PWS, has a range of areas suitable to an array of activities, some with public barbeque facilities, such as nearby Trevallyn Reserve, while other areas are primarily managed as natural environments. KRNRA is managed primarily as a natural landscape while still hosting shared use tracks for recreational enjoyment.

As you are aware, the surrounding area adjacent to the reserve is currently of high interest to developers. Should the proponents and City of Launceston seek to progress a subdivision, those involved have indicated their interest in providing further amenities at entrances or nearby.

The Secretary of Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania has also met with the Council and encouraged them to work with the developers and PWS. I have also been clear I am willing to consider a request to revoke part of the reserve, if this is required to support the development of a significant housing and community opportunity more broadly.

Thank you for your question and your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks and Environment